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Cheap lot of Cloth Ends for Children's Coats, white fur for trimming, 15c. to 35c. yd.

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## THE NEWS-ARGUS

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO JANUARY, 1st, 1906, FOR \$1.00.

### The Ballot-Box Revelations.

The revelations in the bogus ballot-box case at Belleville on Friday were of a sensational character, disclosing the origin of the scheme to use bogus ballot-boxes, and the various steps in the conspiracy to defraud the electors of their right to say at the polls who shall represent them in Parliament. The chief witness was Frank J. Reilly, the young Kingston teacher, who created a decidedly favorable impression by his demeanor in the box and the frank way in which he told his story. According to his evidence, W. J. Shibley, the Liberal candidate for Frontenac, originated the plot, having received the idea from a trader from the southern States. Reilly made a clean breast of his connection with the affair, and told how, nearly three years ago, he was persuaded by Mr. Shibley to obtain the loan of a ballot-box from the Deputy Sheriff, without knowing the object for which it was required.

Some time during July or August last he was again approached by Mr. Shibley, who revealed to him that there was a great scheme on in connection with the elections, and took him to a tinsmith's shop in Watertown, N. Y., where he was shown a bogus ballot-box in process of manufacture. He subsequently acted as intermediary between Mr. Shibley and the manufacturer, and through Mr. Whelan of Prescott, an innocent party, arranged for the shipment of the boxes to Philip A. Lott, John Bremner, and W. A. Kerfoot, the latter a fictitious person.

The connection with the plot of Byron O. Lott, and his visit to Watertown—where, after an inspection of the box, he asked that the secret receptacle for bogus ballots be enlarged, because of the large adverse majority he had to overcome in West Hastings—were also related by Mr. Reilly. He admitted that when he realized that the apparently innocent project undertaken at first as a personal favor to an old friend was leading him into becoming a serious position he endeavored to protect himself from the consequence which would follow exposure. He resisted the financial inducements offered him by Byron O. Lott and W. J. Shibley to leave the country, and declined to ex- libit himself as they desired.

He gave emphatic denials to Philip Lott's evidence in several important particulars, especially swearing that the assertion that he said God Almighty could not beat the Ontario Government at the next election with the trick ballot-boxes in use, was utterly untrue. Evidence was also given regarding the use of a bogus ballot-box in one poll in Frontenac county. E. G. Rutan, whose name has frequently figured in connection with the case, and who was placed under arrest Friday upon the charge of conspiracy, furnished the link establishing the connection of Mr. Shibley with the conspiracy. At Shibley's instructions he took the cases containing the boxes from Kingston to his home, where Shibley showed him the boxes. Subsequently, at Shibley's request, he assisted another man on the night of November 4th to throw the bogus boxes into the lake. This witness was, however, of the opinion that the boxes had not been used. Mr. Byron O. Lott's connection with the bogus boxes was further shown by his financial agent, who, at his request, sent a check for \$50 to Mr. Shibley.

On Saturday another link was forged in the chain of evidence in the bogus ballot-box case, incriminating a person whose name has not heretofore been mentioned in connection with the case. John Bremner, editor of The Bancroft Reporter, to whom a case of the bogus boxes was shipped, testified that the boxes were consigned to him for Mr. Samuel Hareyett, Police Magistrate at Bancroft, and to whom they were handed over and who afterwards, when the exposure came, requested him to assist in concealing the evidence which the boxes afforded. Mr. Bremner expressed the opinion that the bogus boxes were not used at the election. Efforts were made by B. O. Lott, Mr. Hareyett and others to induce him to conceal his knowledge of the matter, but witness declined to incriminate himself to protect them. In reply to questions he denied that Mr. Lott had told him three Ministers of the Ontario Government had promised him protection, and that the same protection would be extended to him. He also denied that he was informed that Mr. Hareyett or Mr. Lott had been in communication with Mr. Vance, the Liberal organizer. It transpired that Mr. Kelly, an official of the

Crown Lands Department, was present at the interview at which efforts were made to induce Mr. Bremner to conceal the truth. An effort was also made to trace the distribution of the bogus boxes in Frontenac, and to show that one was used at Ardoch. Philip A. Lott was again examined, and related the results of his recent investigations at Watertown, N. Y., producing signed statements from the maker of the bogus boxes that for years similar boxes operated by a spring have been made, and went to Canada, where they were drowned after each election, and that they were ordered by the "high muck-a-muck" in Toronto. Mr. Lott adhered to his story as told at the previous examination, in spite of denials by F. J. Reilly, Sim Ashley, and E. Rutan. He also stated that his brother displayed annoyance on learning that he had approached men to use the bogus boxes, and told him he should not have done so. The case will probably be completed on Friday next. In the meantime Reilly has been committed to jail for lack of bail, and Rutan, whose bondsman is his father, a former Ward of Frontenac, has been admitted to bail.

Since the above was written Reilly has been liberated on bail. A number of new witnesses have been summoned for the trial to-morrow.

### A Change in the Act Desired.

An evidence of the dissatisfaction felt in regard to the Agricultural and Arts Act, which affects all the agricultural and horticultural societies in Ontario was furnished last week at the horticultural convention in Toronto. The relation of the act to horticultural societies was discussed, and a committee appointed to wait on the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, to request that the Act be revised. It was pointed out that many counties in the Province have no horticultural societies. Were horticultural societies to be established, their grant would have to be taken from a part given to the agricultural society. The objection on the part of the agricultural societies in many counties has been sufficiently strong to prevent the formation of horticultural societies. In other counties, where there are a number of agricultural societies, the grants to the horticultural societies are so small that they are unable to do effective work. The deputation asked the Minister of Agriculture to take steps to place horticultural societies on a footing of their own. The Minister of Agriculture agreed with the claims and a special committee representing the horticultural societies will meet to suggest changes that may be made in the Act. It is probable a Provincial Horticultural Association will be formed.

### Sir Andrew Clark's Aphorisms.

The late Sir Andrew Clark, who was Mr. Gladstone's physician, made use of the three following aphorisms during a conversation with Miss Frances Willard: "Labor is the life of life." "Ease is the way to disease." "The highest life of an organ lies in the fullest discharge of its functions." There is a feast of food for reflection in these three sentences.

### His Idea.

Wall Street—So your son is studying law. Do you expect that he will stick to it? Speculator—Oh, no; I just want him to know enough about it so that he will be able to evade it successfully.

### Quite Engaging.

"She is a very sweet girl."  
"Why, the heartless flirt had promised to marry four different men."  
"Well, that's what I mean; her manners are most engaging."

### Knew the Worst.

Keeper of the Gates—Aren't you afraid of what the recording angel's book may show? Spirit—No; on earth I had a candid friend.

### A Certain Cure for Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a quick cure is sure to follow. Mr. M. F. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by Morton & Haigh.

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Is a declaration of independence which keeps getting stronger and louder and more impressive as your bank account grows. There is nothing calculated to make you more self-reliant, nothing that will give you greater confidence in yourself than those dollars you have put by for a rainy day. \$1.00 will open an account with this Bank.

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STIRLING BRANCH.

W. M. CHANDLER, Manager.

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We place on sale 25 Silk Blouses, made for this Fall and Winter trade in colors White, Cream, Black, Navy and Sky Blue at the following reduced prices:—

\$3.00 Silk Blouses reduced to	\$2.50.
\$3.50 Silk Blouses reduced to	\$2.75.
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85c. " " "	60c. "
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75 new, this season's Jackets for Ladies' and Children. Popular styles and colors, ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$15.00, less 10 per cent. Discount.

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Special \$6.50 Heavy Winter Suits for	\$5.00.
" \$8.00 Fancy Winter Tweed Suits for	\$7.00.
" \$10.00 Worstad and Tweed Suits for	\$9.00.

### WINTER FOOTWEAR.

Heavy Boots for Men and Boys at	\$1.00 to \$2.50.
Heavy Rubbers for Men and Boys at	\$1.25 to \$2.75.
Extra Heavy Oversox at	50c.
Fancy Winter Slippers for Men, Women and Children, at 25c., 35c.	
50c. to \$1.00 pair.	

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Visit our Toy and Fancy Goods Department on the second floor. There we display a large assortment of gift goods in 10c., 15c., 25c. and 50c. Novelties.

### CHRISTMAS GROCERIES.

The freshest and choicest goods only offered in Fruits, Nuts, Peels, Spices and Canned Goods, and at the most reasonable prices.

25c. TEA—"Sterling Hall" 25c. blended Tea is the best value in the country. Try a pound.

### W. R. MATHER,

Direct Importer of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.

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Come and let us help you on the Christmas gift proposition. We have a great assortment of Shoes and Slippers and can take a lot of trouble off your hands.

We have Fireside Slippers for Men and Evening Slippers for Ladies; warm lined goods for the old or ill; stout shoes for cold and snow; all the regular staple lines.

We have the largest assortment we ever carried for the holiday trade. Warm Footwear for Men and Boys, Snag-Proof Rubbers, Oil-tanned Moccasins, long and short Felt Boots, Mitts—everything to keep the feet and hands warm. Ladies wear the EMERALD SHOES.

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**J. W. BROWN,**  
RELIABLE BOOT & SHOE MERCHANT.

Eggs taken in exchange.

### STIRLING CHEESE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Stirling Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at 1 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of the transaction of all business in connection with the company.

Also by-law No. 24 will be voted on in reference to milk drawing.

G. W. GREEN, President.

### Notice To Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM SIMPSON, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, yeoman, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 38, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of William Simpson, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, yeoman, deceased, who died on or about the 30th day of October, A.D. 1904, to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise to deliver to John Simpson, Esq., Spring Brook, or Geo. Simpson, Esq., Spring Brook, Ont., Executors of the estate of the late William Simpson, on or before the 17th day of December, 1904, a statement in writing of their claims and demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after the date above mentioned, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims notice of which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said Executors, on or before the said 17th day of December, 1904.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,  
Solicitor for Executors.

Dated the 23rd day of November, A.D. 1904.

### FARMERS.

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Sawing done in the Spring.

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ROBERT MITCHELL,  
Proprietor.

### Clubbing List.

The News-Argus will club with the following papers at the rates mentioned: The Weekly Globe, \$1.75; The Weekly Mail & Empire, with premium picture, 1.75; The Family Herald & Weekly Star, with premium picture, 1.50; The Weekly Sun, 1.50; The Toronto News (Daily), 1.50; The Toronto Globe (Daily), 4.50; The Farmers' Advocate, weekly \$2.50.

We specially commend the Advocate as the best agricultural paper published in Canada. Specially low clubbing rates with the Montreal Daily or Weekly Witness.







# JAPS LOST 7,000 MEN

## Three of the Principal Port Arthur Forts Have Been Destroyed.

### JAPS PLANTED SIEGE GUNS.

A despatch from Tokio, received in London, states that the Belung, Basterung and Agokobujama forts have been destroyed by the Japanese. Their attacks on the Songshu and Keokwan forts were repulsed. The Japanese losses are stated to have been nearly seven thousand men.

According to unofficial advices from Port Arthur, the Japanese scolded the paravels of the forts and transported mountain and field guns, which they employed against the enemy.

The attack was directed against Sungsheshan, Erhngshan and the north forts of the East Kowanshan. Commenting upon the despatch that bodies of specially trained swordsmen were at the front of the Japanese troops who charged into the Russian forts and engaged the defenders, the Times says the information confirms various vague reports that have come from Japan in recent months. These reports told of a corps of "fort stormers" that had been formed in the Japanese army.

It has been trained for years, and its special province in this war was to capture Port Arthur. Of the nature of this body no correspondent has been permitted to speak as it was evidently intended to surprise the Russians. Probably the troops belong to the Samurai class, and are descendants of the men whose skill in wielding the sword has never been surpassed.

### FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says Gen. Kourapatkin reports that there has been active skirmishing on the left flank for three days. The opinion is now expressed by the general staff that the Japanese intend taking the offensive, as they cannot afford to wait until the Russians are further reinforced. It is held that the fighting to the eastward is doubtless with the purpose of feeling out the Russian positions preparatory to an advance in that direction; but as there are about 70,000 Russian troops south-west of Sintsintin, where fighting occurred on Nov. 26, and probably twice as many more in the mountains between Bentispuzte and Sintsintin, any Japanese move from this quarter would entail serious fighting. At the same time correspondents at the front continue to scout the idea of serious fighting being imminent.

### AT PORT ARTHUR.

A despatch from Tokio says:—A report was received here late Sunday night stating that a special detachment of Japanese swordsmen, under Major-Gen. Nakamura, effected an entrance into a certain Port at Port Arthur at 9 o'clock, and were fighting fiercely at the time the despatch was sent. Another detachment, under Maj-Gen. Saito, entered the Russian camp through the fortifications.

### THE NEW ATTACK.

A despatch from Tokio says:—Imperial headquarters has just issued the following announcement: "The works for our attack having been nearly completed against Sungshu Mountain (Port Arthur) and the forts lying eastward therefrom, a general assault was made on the afternoon of Nov. 26th, but owing to the enemy's stubborn resistance our object has not yet been accomplished."

### FIRING ON PORT ARTHUR.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says:—A great bombardment of Port Arthur is understood to have opened Saturday morning.

In a telegram sent through Gen. Kourapatkin, Gen. Stoessel reports that an attack made by the Japanese on Port Arthur on Nov. 21 was repulsed.

### MEANS LIFE OR DEATH.

A despatch from Tokio says:—Discussing the war on the eve of the assembling of the Diet on Sunday, Premier Katsura said:

"Russia must see that the war cannot be concluded by the issues of a few battles. With us the war means life or death, and not one of our 45,000,000 brethren remains ignorant of the vital issue at stake."

"We are prepared to sacrifice our last man and our last cent for this war."

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A despatch from St. Petersburg says:—Gen. Kourapatkin telegraphs on Nov. 24, again, that a Russian detachment near Yenksien on the front of the left flank.

"The fighting," Gen. Kourapatkin says, "was fierce, almost amounting to a bayonet engagement, but the enemy were everywhere repulsed, and suffered severely. The attack was renewed the following morning, the Japanese having been reinforced, but again was repulsed, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon a blizzard and fog greatly hindered artillery fire. The Japanese continued to advance, under cover of the fog, but our forces held their positions, and the firing subsequently slackened. The Russian losses were nine killed and fifty-seven wounded."

On Nov. 26 the Japanese resumed the offensive, and endeavored to envelop our left flank whilst advancing against our centre.

"I have received no later reports."

Gen. Kourapatkin also describes the bayoneting of twenty Japanese be-

longing to a patrol during a reconnaissance on the night of Nov. 26.

### JAPS REPORT VICTORIES.

A despatch from Tokio says:—Manchurian headquarters, reporting on Sunday, says: "From the night of Nov. 25th until the morning of Nov. 26th a body of the enemy's infantry attacked our troops in the vicinity of Singtungun and Shaotau, but the attack was completely repulsed by us."

"The enemy's artillery, posted to the east of the Ta Mountain, vigorously shelled the vicinity of Manchuntru and Kuchiatzu, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Nov. 26th, but we suffered no damage."

"On the right bank of the Hun River a body of the enemy's cavalry attacked Manchuntru on Nov. 25th, but was repulsed by our forces."

"On Nov. 24th the enemy set fire to Shantaimen, and most of the village was burned."

### END CLOSE AT HAND.

The Moscow correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph claims to know that the despatches Gen. Stoessel, the commander at Port Arthur, sent by the destroyer Rastoropy to Chefoo contained a frank statement of the hopelessness of the situation. Gen. Stoessel used words which can be literally translated, "The garrison is being starved out." He evidently attached great importance to the fact of receiving his communication in time to enable a decision to be reached as to how to act in the view of the absolute certainty of the fall of the fortress. Hence the sacrifice of the Rastoropy, which was sunk by her commander in Chefoo harbor after she had delivered her despatches rather than to have her fall into the hands of the Japanese.

### ON THE SHIA RIVER.

A despatch from London says:—Field Marshal Oyama, Gen. Kourapatkin, and the correspondents briefly report Russian reconnaissance on the Shia River. There has been sharp skirmishing, in which there were several casualties, but neither army is advancing. English correspondents on the Japanese side say the situation is unaltered. The Russians occasionally attack isolated points, but gain no advantage. The Russian command has lately daily lessened in regularity and intensity. Marshal Oyama and his generals are confident that the Japanese positions cannot be successfully assailed, whatever reinforcements the Russians bring against them.

### JAPS OCCUPIED POUTUEN.

A despatch from Field Headquarters, Gen. Oku's Army, via Fusan says: The Russians are showing some activity in front of Gen. Oku's army. At dawn on Friday detachments attacked on two places in the eastern centre divisions. The centre repulsed the attack immediately and the left did also after a hard fight. As a result of the repulse the Japanese occupied Poutuen. The Russians left many dead on the field.

### JAPS HOLD THEIR GROUND.

A despatch from Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, says: The reports circulated during the last week in the eastern papers and probably telegraphed abroad to the effect that Gen. Kourapatkin, in making a general advance, had pushed back the Japanese left a distance of three miles, are wholly unfounded. The situation has remained entirely unchanged during the last month except that both armies have doubtless strengthened their defence and accumulated supplies in that time.

The Russians continue their reconnaissances in front of the Japanese left, but there has been no general engagement or change in the Japanese entrenched positions.

The Japanese continue to ignore the daily shelling which takes place in front of the central army, and in many places the whole line of trenches is so close that the Japanese can draw fire at any time by displaying caps on sticks.

A few casualties result daily from rifle fire.

### ITS CAPTURE CERTAIN.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Times says that the publication of unofficial news from Port Arthur is no longer prohibited. The besiegers' works are progressing rapidly, notwithstanding numerous petty snags, which are made most annoying by the fact that the leading journal, which recently urged an immediate assault, regardless of the loss of life, now deprecates the loss inasmuch as the capture of the fortress is certain in the near future. This reflects the national mood, which is calm and confident. The prospect of the arrival of the Baltic fleet exhilarates Admiral Togo's spirit, which is longing to exchange the mere sight of the blockade for a decisive fight.

The casualties in the assaults from Aug. 19 to 24 are published. The total amounts to 14,000, including 550 officers, of whom 200 were killed. The assaults failed as regards the main fortifications, but resulted in the capture of the two Panlung-shan forts, furnishing commanding material for siege guns and aiding materially in hastening the end. For this reason the Japanese are not dismayed by the terrible cost.

Prisoners say that the effective strength of the garrison does not exceed 8,000, of which number only one-third are provided with winter clothing.

There are numerous cases of opthalmia owing to want of sleep. A thousand of the Russians died in battle and from dysentery between Oct. 26 and Nov. 12.

The rumors of the sinking of a hospital ship at Port Arthur are believed in Tokio, but they are not confirmed officially.

### COAL STORES BURNED.

A despatch from Tokio says:—Telegraphing on Thursday the headquarters of the army before Port Arthur reports: "The conflagration in the buildings near the arsenal, caused by our field guns, which, as reported on Wednesday, began about noon, Nov. 22, continued until 2 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 23. It is probable that the coal stores have been burned."

### MORE TROOPS FOR RUSSIA.

A despatch to the London Standard from Odessa says it is authoritatively stated that Russia has decided upon a general mobilization of troops throughout the European provinces of the Empire. It is said that the mobilization will begin in January.

### JAPS USING OLD RIFLES.

The war correspondent of the Echo de Paris writes: "In the Battle of the Shia River the belligerents used old rifles. The first old rifles were Liao-Yang. In one day more than 200,000 shells were fired and 30,000 men put out of action on each side. Seventy per cent. of the Russian wounded will rejoin the ranks after a two-weeks' stay in the hospitals."

"The wounds caused by the Japanese bullets are for the most part slight, except when they occur in the abdomen. The Japanese are, however, beginning to use old rifles, the bullets of which are encased in copper and the wounds of which cause blood poisoning. All the reserves are armed with these."

### SUBMARINES FOR JAPAN.

A despatch from Yokohama says:—Five submarine boats arrived here Wednesday. It is stated that they came from the first consignment of 50 Holland boats that have been ordered in the United States.

### ONLY 2,000 ACTIVE TROOPS.

The Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent of the London Daily Express says that the Russians who arrived there from Port Arthur in a lifeboat on Wednesday admit that they stole the boat for the purpose of escaping from the besieged city. They say they carried with them a large quantity of water and ammunition and that there is food enough there to last for several months. There have been many deaths from typhus fever. There are now fewer than 2,000 active troops forming the active garrison. Twenty thousand are sick or wounded.

A despatch from Tokio to the Standard reports increasing desertions from Port Arthur garrison into the Japanese lines, the stories the deserters tell indicating the demoralization of the Russian defenders. The same correspondent says the Russian force on the west front of Port Arthur no longer fear on the approach of Japanese warships.

A despatch to the Chronicle from Chefoo states that the Japanese have captured the British steamer Tung-Chow, bound from Shanghai for Port Arthur with 30,000 cases of ammunition. The British Chinese Bank financed the attempt to run the blockade, which cost \$185,000. The captain's bonus was \$20,000. The steamer cleared for Kiao-chau, the German port in Shantung Province, China.

It is reliably reported that the digging of tunnels to pierce the scraps of the Sungshu, Erhngshan and Tungkiwan forts has already begun. The sappers are making satisfactory progress against 208 Metro Hill, which, when it is captured, will render the harbor untenable for the Russian warships.

### CAPTURE RUSSIAN CAMP.

A despatch from Tokio says:—On Monday last a detachment captured the Russian camp at Itzuchan. The Russians were reinforced, and endeavor to retake the camp with a force of 600 infantry and 300 cavalry and four guns. After a fight that lasted three hours, they were driven toward the Tsien River Pass, leaving forty dead and six prisoners behind them, together with considerable equipments. The Japanese casualties were about thirty.

### ENROLLING CHINESE.

A despatch to St. Petersburg from Harbin states that the Japanese have opened a recruiting office for Chinese at Shilintin, 85 kilometers from Siamintin. They have distributed thousands of circulars, inviting Chinese to enroll under the Japanese flag and fight the Europeans.

The circulars point out that the religions of the Chinese and Japanese are identical, and their languages similar. At the outset the Japanese enlisted daily an average of 7,000 men, who were immediately supplied with Japanese uniforms. Subsequent differences reduced the enrollment to a thousand. The recruits are called voluntary militia. They were sent to Yinkow, whence they were distributed to Japanese regiments in the field. The correspondent vouches for the truth of his story.

### DEATH OF JOHN BERTRAM

Prominent Canadian Succumbs to Appendicitis.

A Toronto despatch says:—After an illness of some months Mr. John Bertram, president of the Bertram Engine Works, and one of the best known men in Ontario, died on Monday night at his residence, 19 Walmer Road. The end was not unexpected. Mr. Bertram had been operated upon for appendicitis about four weeks ago and never entirely recovered.

### A NEW ERA FOR RUSSIA.

Reformers Requested to Interview the Czar.

A St. Petersburg despatch says:—The unexpected may happen after all. The meeting of the Zemstvo, the First Russian Congress, as it is now called, may, indeed, work the inauguration of a new era for Russia. Emperor Nicholas, the initiator of the plan for universal disarmament, may turn back upon the reformers, and, instead of granting to his subjects the recognition which his grandfather had already prepared when he fell by the hand of an assassin. The basis of such a possibility is the significant fact that late Friday afternoon the Emperor received in the palace at Tsarskoe-Selo M. Shipoff of Moscow, M. Patrukevitch of Tover, M. Rodzianko of Ekaterinoslav, and Count Helden, four prominent members of the Zemstvo Congress, and listened at length to their views.

The Zemstvoists went to Tsarskoe-Selo by Imperial command. At their audience, it is understood, they explained fully their position and reiterated the views expressed by the memorial at that the salvation from ruin by revolution lay in the adoption of the general ideas expressed in the memorial that the salvation from ruin by revolution lay in the adoption of the general ideas expressed in the memorial by what he heard.

The news that the delegation had given an audience by the Emperor spread like wildfire from the city at night and created a tremendous sensation, rejoicing among liberals and amazement among the uncompromising supporters of the old regime.

### STOLE \$1,200,000.

Employee of the Rothschilds Gets Away With Huge Sum.

A London despatch says: The Wood Street Smelting Works, which for many years were operated by the Rothschilds as a gold refinery, have just been closed in disgust by the great financiers, because of gigantic frauds of which they have been the victims. It was discovered a few weeks ago that Blumenthal, the head of one of the departments and the bullion buyer of the firm, had defrauded the concern out of about \$250,000 and fled to the Continent. His operations date from the close of the Boer War. At that time Blumenthal speculated heavily in Consols and Kafirs. It was thought in the "street" that he was operating in behalf of the firm, but this was not so. He lost heavily, and then commenced his fraudulent operations by adulterating gold to the smelting works and by other crookedness. The discovery of the frauds was made a few weeks ago and he absconded.

His operations, according to the custom, refused to call in the police, and closed their branch of the business, throwing fifty craftsmen out of work.

### ASTRAY LETTERS.

Department Will Follow up Cases if Reported to Them.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The Postoffice Department has issued a notice which is more than usual interest to the public.

Persons receiving letters that have been mis-sent or delayed are requested to preserve the envelopes and send them specially direct to the Deputy Postmaster-General with any information in the case that may be of service to the department in making an investigation.

Letters which are not registered are carried through the mails and delivered to the persons to whom they are addressed without any kind of record being kept of their delivery. The department has, therefore, no means of knowing how the postoffice are doing their work, unless those whose correspondence is subjected to irregularities bring these to its notice.

### NORTH SEA CONVENTION.

Agreement Between Britain and Russia Signed.

A St. Petersburg despatch says:—The North Sea convention was signed at the Foreign Office on Friday afternoon by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and Ambassador Harding. The convention contains eight articles on the lines already published, embodying an amendment requested by Russia to article 2, providing that the commission shall determine the degree of blame, by the addition of the words, "subjects of either power or other State."

The convention, as heretofore announced by the Associated Press, denounces the Emperor of Austria to appoint a fifth commissioner in case the four naval officers disagree.

### FUNERALS SNOWBOUND.

Roads Are Impassable in the British Provinces.

A London despatch says:—Unprecedented snowfalls continue in the British provinces. Many places and villages are isolated, and everywhere in the North railway communication is delayed and in some parts entirely stopped. There are instances of funerals being snowbound between the house and the cemetery, and children have had to be dug out of drifts between their houses and the schools. Even in West Cornwall and the Island of Jersey, where snow is a rarity, heavy falls are reported.

The appropriation of \$12,800, for expenses of the embassy at the Vatican was stricken out of the French foreign budget, without opposition or debate. This, following the recall of M. Nisard, continues indefinitely the severance of diplomatic relations between France and the Vatican.

### THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—Wheat—No. 2 white and red winter quoted at \$1.02 to \$1.04 outside. No. 2 goose at 95c east, and No. 2 spring at 95c east. Manitoba wheat is unchanged; No. 1 Northern, \$1.02; No. 2 Northern, 97c, and No. 3 Northern at 92c. Georgian Bay ports. Grinding in transit prices are 6c above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white is quoted at 32 to 32½c low freight, and at 31½ to 31½c north and west; No. 1 white is steady at 33 to 33½c.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 44 to 47c, and No. 3 at 42c middle freight.

Pens—Wheat prices ruling at 67 to 68c outside.

Corn—The market is quiet, with new Canadian 40c bid west; new American yellow, 54c on track, Toronto, and new mixed 53c, Toronto.

Old American No. 3 yellow, 60c, and old No. 3 mixed, 64½c, Toronto.

Rye—The market is quiet, with No. 2 quoted at 75 to 76c outside.

Buckwheat—The market is nominal at 55 to 56c at outside points.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.35 to \$4.40 in buyers' sacks east or west. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade, in bbls., \$4.75 to \$4.90. Manitoba flour unchanged. No. 1 patent, \$5.70; No. 2 patent, \$5.40, and strong bakers', \$5.30 on track, Toronto.

Millfeed—At outside points bran is quoted at \$14.50 to \$15, and shorts at \$17.50 to \$18. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$19, and shorts at \$21.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Prime beans are quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40, and hand-picked at \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Cranberries—The market is unchanged at \$7.75 to \$8 per barrel.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 32 to 35c according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet, at 7½ to 8c per lb. Comb honey, \$1.25 to \$2 per dozen.

Cheese—Cheese lots are quoted at \$8.25 to \$8.50 on track, Toronto, the latter for No. 1 timothy.

Straw—Car lots are quoted at \$6 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—The market is quiet and unchanged, with car lots of Ontario stock at 70 to 75c per bag on track, and Eastern at 75 to 80c on track.

Small lots, 85c to \$1.00 per bag.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 7½ to 9c per lb. yearlings, 8c to 9c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 8 to 8½c per lb.; turkeys, 11 to 12½c.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—There is a good demand for choice grades. We quote:—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 18c; ordinary to choice large rolls, 15 to 17c; low to medium grades, 13 to 14c; creamery pants, 21 to 22c; solids, 19½ to 20½c.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid are selling at 22 to 23c per dozen, fresh at 21c, and pickled at 20c.

Cheese—The market is unchanged, with large cheese quoted at 10½ to 10½c, and twins at 10½ to 11c per lb.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Car lots are quoted at \$6.40 to \$6.50. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices.

We quote:—Bacon, long clear, 8½ to 9½c; in case lots, mess pork, \$14.50 to \$15; short cut, \$18.

Smoked meats—Hams, light to medium, 12½ to 13c; dark, heavy, 12c; rolls, 9½ to 10c; shoulders, 9 to 9½c; backs, 14½ to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13c.

Lard—The demand is fair, with prices unchanged. We quote:—Tercers, 8c; tubs, 8½c; pails, 8½c.

### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—Grain—Oats, 39½ to 40c for No. 2 in store here, No. 3 38½ to 39c; American yellow, No. 2, 60c; No. 1, 61c; No. 3, 60c; white, No. 2, 60 to 61c; new No. 3 yellow, 57c on track; buckwheat, 57c. Flour—Manitoba patents, \$5.50, and strong bakers', \$5.50; high Ontario blended 90 per cent. patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60, in sacks, \$1.25; shorts, 15 to 15½c. In shipper's new bags; straight rollers, \$2.45 to \$2.55, and 25 to 30c extra in wood. Rolled oats—\$2.32½ per bag, \$4.90 in barrels. Feed—Ontario bran, in bulk, \$17 to \$18, shorts, \$19 to \$20; Manitoba bran, in bulk, \$18; shorts, \$19 to \$20. Choice prices, \$2.40 to \$1.45 per bushel; \$1.35 to \$1.37½ in car lots.

Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut, \$16.50 to \$17; American clear fat backs, \$20; compound lard, 6½ to 7c; Canadian lard, 5½ to 7½c; kettle rendered, 8½ to 9½c; hams, 12 to 13c; bacon, 12 to 13c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7 to \$7.25; heavy fat hogs, \$4.50; mixed lots, \$4.50 to \$5; select, \$5 to \$5.25, of cuts. Cured meats—Ontario Fall, No. 1, 10 to 10½c; colored, 10½ to 10½c; Quebec, 9½ to 9½c. Butter—Finest grades, 19½ to 20c; ordinary finest, 19 to 19½c; medium grades, 18 to 19c, and Western dairy, 15 to 15½c. Eggs—New laid, 23 to 24c; straight gathered, 22 to 21c; No. 2, 15 to 15½c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Nov. 29.—Wheat, Dec., \$1.08½ to \$1.08½; May, \$1.11½, Sept., 93½ to 94½; No. 1 hard, \$1.12½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.10½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.08½. Flour—First patents, \$6 to \$6.10; second do., \$5.85 to \$5.95; first clear, \$4.35 to \$4.45; second clear, \$2.75 to \$2.85. Bran—in bulk, \$14.50.

Minneapolis, Nov. 29.—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, \$1.12 to \$1.13; No. 2 Northern, \$1.06 to \$1.11; May, \$1.09½ asked. Rye—No. 1, 82 to 83c; barley—No. 2, 55c; sample, 38c to 52c. Corn—No. 2, 56 to 57½c; May, 45½c bid.

Buffalo, Nov. 29.—Flour—Easy. Wheat—Spring, unsettled; No. 1 Northern, spot, \$1.15½; winter, firm, No. 2 red, in store, \$1.19½. Corn—Fairly steady for No. 2, 3 yellow, 57½c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 2 mixed, 33c; barley—No. 45 to 58c. Rye—No. 1, in store, 45 to 56c.

### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—The feature of the market was the active call for feeders and stockers. Values were firm and unchanged.

The enquiry for butchers' cattle was also better, and sales were more readily effected by dealers.

The prices of sheep continued on the rise and trade was correspondingly brisk. Sheep were 5 cents and lambs were 10c higher.

No exporters' cattle were brought forward, neither was the demand for them very good. Buyers said that they preferred to remain inactive for a time till the English market had settled itself. The quality of drovers' values did not improve owing to a lack of the cattle being in poor condition. A few choice animals sold at \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt., but the vast majority of the sales were on a much lower basis.

The price of milk cows were steady at \$20 to \$25 each. The enquiry was fair and all were sold. The offerings were moderate.

Exporters' cattle were quoted nominally at \$4 to \$4.70 per cwt.

The following were the quotations given for butchers' cattle:—Best butchers', \$4.20 to \$4.40; good butchers', loads of, \$3.85 to \$4.15; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$3.70; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.12½; common and rough, \$1.50 to \$2.

The following was the range of prices prevailing in stock and feeders:—Feeders, short-cuts, 1.275 lbs., \$3.80 to \$4.10; feeders, 1.050 to 1.175 lbs., \$3.40 to \$3.75; feeders, 800 to 1,025 lbs., \$3 to \$3.35; stockers, 600 to 800 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.75; stockers, 400 to 600 lbs., \$1.40 to \$2; hogs, 900 to 1,200 lbs., \$1.75 to \$2.

The prices of sheep and lambs were, as follows:—Export ewes, \$3.50 to \$3.75; export hogs, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt; cull sheep, \$2 to \$3 each; lambs, \$4.35 to \$4.85 per cwt.

Calves sold at 3 to 5½c per lb., and \$2 to \$10 each.

Hogs continue unchanged at \$4.80 for select, 160 to 200 lbs., of prime bacon quality, of cars, Toronto; fat and lights, \$4.60.

### FAMINE IN IRELAND.

Worst Year in Decades in the Western Counties.

A Dublin despatch says: The western counties of Ireland are for the first time in decades on the eve of a famine. Thousands in the Counties of Mayo and Galway are already feeling the pinch of starvation. The potato crop, which is the chief staple of the country, is a pitiable failure, and the peas, which in dry years is a good source of revenue to the poor people, is useless owing to the continuous rains.

It is the worst season known in the western counties since 1879, which prepared the way for the Land League. Priests, who have labored among the people for a generation, state that the present crisis is worse than that of 1879. In many places the potatoes are not worth the trouble of digging up. Unless the Government provides immediate relief the mortality this winter will approximate that of the plague year.

### IN HANDS OF BANDITS.

Southern Manitoba Terrorized—Safe Blown Open.

A Winnipeg despatch says:—Further indications that Southern Manitoba is in the hands of a daring band of robbers from the United States was brought to light on Saturday morning. A telegram was received from the Governor of the Co. a branch at Rosser stating that the safe at that place had been broken open during the night, the entire contents, consisting of money, jewelry, grain cheques, and papers stolen. In it were two packages of money, one of \$500 belonging to the Ogilvie Mill, and another of \$300 belonging to a Mr. Price. Nitro-glycerine was used, and the robbers escaped on a handcar toward Winnipeg.

### BIG STRIKE IN FRANCE.



THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 1904.

### The Two Conventions.

The great Liberal convention which met in Toronto last week continued two days, and after considering the situation adopted a platform which they hope will strengthen the Ross government at the approaching elections. The most contentious subject before the convention was that of temperance, and after a committee had considered the question for a good part of two days they submitted a report which, excepting one clause, was adopted by the convention. The report as adopted is as follows:

1. Any legislation against the drink evil is in the interest of the people of Ontario.
  2. In any municipality a vote on a Local Option can be brought on by a petition signed by 25 per cent of the ratepayers without reference to or action by the Municipal Council. If desired, the people can choose between abolishing the bars, restricting the present license law, or putting the business under Government control.
  3. No new licenses are to be issued in New Ontario, the Government to take charge of the sales for medicinal purposes.
  4. In license municipalities no new licenses shall be issued except on the petition of 50 per cent. of the electors of the polling sub-division interested.
  5. Any licensee convicted twice of violating the law shall lose his license.
- The clause which was not adopted seemed too radical for the party managers, led by Hon. Messrs. Graham and MacKay, and, therefore, they fought hard against strong opposition to kill it and succeeded. This bone of contention, designated as clause 8, was as follows:
- "That in each municipality a vote be taken at the municipal election of 1906, on the two questions of abolition of the bar and abolition of shop licenses, the result to be decisive, and to go into effect at the expiration of the then outstanding licenses, and that all necessary legislation be introduced in the meantime to enable this to be done. In municipalities in which licenses are continued a similar vote may be taken at any time after three years."

The objections to it were that the passing of clause 2, cited above, attained the same result, that it was unfair and illiberal to allow temperance people to have a chance to bring on a vote every three years, and not give the liquor men the same privilege, that it would be useless to insist on a vote in all the constituencies, for the reason that there were at present 138 municipalities where there were no licenses. The greatest objection, however, was that if the clause passed the Liberals would be certain to lose Brockville, Kingston, Ottawa, East York, and the

majority of the constituencies of Eastern Ontario.

It is evident from what has been said by leading temperance men that the platform as adopted is not at all satisfactory; and is considered by many as likely to cause many to withdraw their support from the Ross government at the coming election.

The Conservative conference also adopted a resolution on temperance, which is as follows:

"That this conference, recognizing that abuses exist in connection with the liquor traffic, places itself on record as being in full sympathy with all well-directed efforts to promote temperance and moral reform."

This resolution is, if anything, less satisfactory than the other; but then it has been known all along that no advanced legislation on temperance was to be expected from the Conservative party, and therefore where nothing was expected there is no disappointment.

### A New Dairy Paper for Canada.

It is probable that Canada will shortly have a new dairy paper. Committees appointed by the Eastern and Western Dairymen's Associations have been considering the matter, as a result of which it has practically been decided to form a joint stock company to start such a paper and conduct it as the official organ of both associations. Stock in this company will be limited to parties directly interested in dairying. It is expected the first number of the magazine will be published in time for distribution at the annual convention of the Dairymen's Associations in January.

Although dairying is one of the leading industries of Canada, there has never been any regular dairy paper and dairymen generally have long felt the need for such an organ. It is estimated that there are about 325,000 people in Canada directly interested in dairying, of which almost 100,000 live in Ontario. It is probable that the dairy paper and the Canadian Horticulturist, the official organ of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, will be published under one management. The dairy paper will be issued semi-monthly for 60 cents a year, or two years for \$1, thus ensuring a large circulation. As both papers have fields of their own, it is not expected there will be any conflict with the already established farm papers.

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### The Word "Marmalade."

The word "marmalade" is apparently derived from the Portuguese marmelo, a "quince," which, again, is from mid-Latin malumellum, Greek melimelon, "honeyapple," or "sweet apple." The word is at least as old as the reign of Henry VIII. The following sentence occurs in a letter from that monarch: "He most heartily thanketh her good ladyship for her marmalade," which by a comparison of other letters was apparently made of quinces. Anne Basset, Lady Lisle's daughter, gives the name "codinac" to her mother's dainty. Her letters giving the account of the presentation of the said marmalade to the king and relating how he desired a repetition of the same as soon as might be have been printed more than once.

### Animals Which Rarely Drink.

Naturalists have discovered many animals which seem to need no water or which drink only at rare intervals. There is a certain breed of gazelles which never drink, and the llamas of Patagonia live for years without taking water. There is a particular class of cattle near Losere, in France, that rarely touches water, but in spite of this fact these cattle give milk of a rich quality, from which excellent cheese is made. Many naturalists have the theory that hares do not drink or that water is not a necessity for them, and that the dew on the grass is sufficient for their needs.

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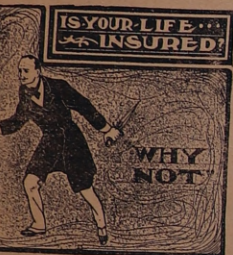
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Life and Accident Insurance Agent,  
BELLEVILLE

## Pointed Paragraphs

The hardest bird to catch is the eagle  
on a \$20 gold piece.

If a girl marries well her friends over-  
look her other faults.

The average man is always wanting  
to do something he can't.

The application of a porous plaster is  
a great drawback to lovmaking.

Many an odd fellow in this country  
doesn't belong to an I. O. O. F. lodge.

If a man has the cheek to ask a girl to  
marry she seldom has the face to refuse.

Some men would have no excuse for  
living if their wives didn't take in  
boards.

One get-up-and-go man is better than  
a dozen of the wait-for-something-to-  
turn-up brand.

A girl always tells a young man that  
she can cook—and she always tells  
other girls that she can't.

It is stated that the general elections  
for the Ontario Legislature will be held  
in January.

The Liberal majority in the new  
House of Commons is 65, with the Yu-  
kon yet to be heard from.

There was a heavy snowfall in some  
parts of Ontario last night and  
Sunday morning last. At Seaford  
there was two feet of snow on the level.  
At London and vicinity there was over  
a foot of snow.

Japan has made known the conditions  
on which she is ready to close  
hostilities. These consist in the return  
of Manchuria to China, the dismantling  
of Port Arthur, and the establishment  
of Korean independence, with the right  
of the Japanese to acquire land.



The power of O. R. KIDNEY CURE is stim-  
ulating in cases of KIDNEY, BLAD-  
DER and URINARY diseases, giving  
relief to the spot, HEALS and NOURISHES, giving  
a renewed vitality.

Each bottle of O. R. KIDNEY CURE con-  
tains ten days' treatment, price 50c. at all  
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TORONTO, ONT.

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der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,  
75c. per line. Matter set in larger than the or-  
dinary type, 10c. per line.  
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each  
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Train calling at Stirling station as follows—  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail & Ex. 6.27 a.m. Passenger 10.17 a.m.  
Passenger 6.42 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8.48 p.m.

## The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 1, 1904.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

Go to Ward's for good Underwear.

The Rev. J. C. Bell will preach an-  
niversary sermons at Havelock on Sun-  
day next.

I am paying 70c. for Rye at the mill.  
C. J. BOLDRICK.

Byron O. Lott was in Toronto on Sun-  
day evening, and is believed to have  
gone east by the 10 o'clock train.

Mrs. Thos. Heard has returned home  
after spending a few days with her daughter  
Mrs. Alf. Chad, of Keene.

J. W. Bengough was a host in him-  
self and he kept his hearers in a con-  
tinual roar.—Globe, Mar. 13.

Nearly a ton and a half of dressed  
poultry was shipped from here on Tues-  
day, and also a number of live chickens  
to Lindsay.

Don't forget to leave order for that New  
Suit at Fred Ward's. Some swell patterns  
to choose from.

The Rev. Wm. Johnston of Havelock  
will preach Missionary sermons in the  
Methodist Church, Stirling, next Sun-  
day, morning and evening.

The month of November has been un-  
usually dry. In fact there has been  
scarcely any rain during the whole  
month, and complaints are heard on all  
sides of wells and cisterns being dry.

Ward's Ready-To-Wear Suits and Over-  
coats are taking the day. They are just  
right. Try them.

Don't fail to hear J. W. Bengough on  
Tuesday evening next. Canada's great-  
est cartoonist and humorist. Reserved  
seats at Fred T. Ward's store.

Heavy falls of snow are reported from  
different parts of the Province and  
there is good sleighing a few miles  
north of here, but as yet this district  
has not received much of the beautiful.

The Big Run on Ward's Furs has com-  
menced. You'll find the best here.

Mr. Ed. Ashley, who is employed as  
clerk with W. R. Mather, met with a  
rather painful accident on Tuesday last.  
He was engaged straightening up some  
goods and a pair of tailor's shears which  
was lying amongst them, fell and  
struck him on the foot cutting an artery.

The only original Bengough—Canada's  
greatest cartoonist—will appear in the  
Music Hall here on Tuesday evening  
next, when he will give one of his  
delightful entertainments. He is a de-  
lightful humorist, and a host in him-  
self. One continued roar of laughter.

NOTICE.—All parties indebted to T. H.  
Bradley, or leaving goods here are request-  
ed to call and get them and settle before  
Dec. 31st next. Any debts not paid by that  
time will be placed in court for collection.  
T. H. BRADLEY.

When Byron O. Lott's name was called  
in Magistrate Flint's court in Belle-  
ville on Tuesday he did not respond,  
and in consequence his bail was estreat-  
ed. Mr. Flint stated that the bail was  
for \$4000, divided as follows: The ac-  
cused for \$2000, his father-in-law, Henry  
Brown, \$1000, and George Whitty of  
Stirling and Wm. H. Lott of Belle-  
ville, \$500 each. It is believed that  
Lott has gone to the United States. He  
was seen in Toronto on Sunday last.

Sine Creamery commenced operations  
for the season on Nov. 9th, and has  
made since then over 7,000 lbs. of but-  
ter, which has been shipped to Toronto  
and Montreal. The price charged for  
manufacturing is 3 1/2 cents per lb., the  
same as other seasons, and will continue  
at that price for this season. Farmers  
must be blind to their own interests  
when they will make their butter at  
home, which is only worth 14 or 15c.,  
when creamery butter sells at 20c. or  
better. Thus if they would patronize  
the creamery they would secure a high-  
er price for their produce, as well as  
save the woman of the house, who gen-  
erally has to perform the most of the  
labor in connection with the manufac-  
ture of dairy butter.

Letterheads, Noteheads, Billheads,  
Statements, Envelopes, and all office sta-  
tionery printed in good style at News-  
Argus office. A large stock of various  
qualities always on hand. Prices right.

The new bridge across the Trent river  
at Campbellford was opened for traffic  
on Wednesday of last week.

W. J. Shibley, the fugitive Liberal  
candidate in Frontenac, one of the  
bogus ballot-box conspirators, is be-  
lieved to be in Boston.

A warrant has been issued for the  
arrest of Samuel Harryett, Police Mag-  
istrate at Bancroft, implicated by Sat-  
urday's evidence in the bogus ballot-box  
conspiracy.

Nine bogus ballot-boxes were recovered  
from Loughboro Lake, near Syden-  
ham, by Detective Parkinson and Ed-  
ward Kuttan. They are now in safe  
keeping in Belleville.

Drilling operations at the Melrose oil  
well have been closed down for the  
winter, and will be resumed in the  
spring, as the company having the  
drilling in charge considers the indica-  
tions good. The depth of the well at  
present is 1868 feet.

## "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" never grows  
old. There runs through it a vein of  
pathos peculiarly touching and sweet.  
Like the kiss of a child, it conquers by  
the very innocence of its breath. In  
the character of Eva it is unique. Who  
does not cherish in memory some sweet  
angelic child, who seemed to touch this  
earth only as a transient visitor, who  
passed away with the dew of childhood  
morning, too good, too pure for us?  
Was there ever a child like Eva? Yes,  
but her name is written upon grave-  
stones. This good old play is unique  
because it is the only one that portrays  
that character.

The scenery is excellent. In the river  
scene one sees the floating cakes of ice  
slowly moving down the stream. The  
plantation scene depicts a typical South-  
ern home with its cotton fields, its man-  
sion and its log cabins. The last scene  
in this picturesque drama has perhaps  
taxed the skilled painter and mechanic  
more than any other spectacle that the  
stage can present. It is not necessary to  
say that "The Beautiful Gates  
Ajar" as now depicted by this company,  
is one of the most entrancing spectacles  
ever witnessed in this town.

The company's Uncle Tom's Cabin Com-  
pany will appear at the Music Hall,  
Stirling, on Saturday evening, Dec. 3rd.  
Admission 25c. and 35c.

## Divisional Court.

Before Meredith, C. J., MacMahon, J.,  
Teetzel, J.

Bell v. Lott.—Judgment (G.A.B.) on  
appeal by plaintiff from judgment of  
senior Judge of County of Hastings  
dismissing action for trespass to  
land and searching dwelling-house of  
plaintiff in township of Rawdon. The  
Judge withdrew the case from the jury  
at the close of the trial. Defendant  
did not appear at the trial. Plaintiff  
constable for the county of Hastings for  
30 days, by the Police Magistrate for  
the city of Belleville. On 14th April  
defendant went to Plaintiff's private  
residence to make a search for intoxicat-  
ing liquor kept at the house. He had no war-  
rant; he found no liquor. There was  
no evidence that plaintiff's house was a  
house of public entertainment or that  
liquor had at any time been sold or  
kept upon the premises. Held, that the  
question whether defendant was acting  
as a constable in the discharge of his duty  
was a question for the jury, and that  
the question whether defendant was  
permitted by plaintiff to make a search  
was also for the jury. Appeal allowed  
and non-suit set aside and new trial or-  
dered, with leave to defendant to amend  
adding a plea of leave and license.  
Costs of appeal and former trial to  
plaintiff in any event. G. Porter  
(Belleville) for plaintiff. J. H. Moss  
for defendant.

## Confirmed.

It is very pleasing to have your state-  
ments on an important subject con-  
firmed by high authority. The Illinois  
Optical Society, by Chalmers Prentice, M.  
D. of Chicago, who is considered the  
greatest authority on the subject of  
Errors of the Eye, he exactly confirms my  
recently published statements on "Eye-  
strain in cases of students and others."  
In speaking of how to properly correct a  
common error (Hypermetropia) he says  
"should these strains be neglected and  
the case carelessly adjusted with glasses  
until the eye has become so weak that  
irritation at the base of the brain, the  
of the cases of heart failure and apoplexy  
among business men and students are  
probably due to a congestion and weak-  
ening of the brain tissue induced by these  
incessant strains. The college career and  
life of many ambitious students are cut  
short by these unrecognized causes of  
disease. With some students it requires  
so much energy to converge and focus for  
the near point, that there is not enough  
left for ideation, or thought. With this  
strain present they cannot learn, they can-  
not think, they cannot remember, because  
the nerve force necessary for this mental  
process is used up in the mechanical ad-  
justment of the eyes, and yet they may be  
possessed of the best of brains. Of course  
the serious results here mentioned apply  
not only to students and business men  
generally, but to all who use their eyes  
and brains to any extent. While this  
strain is present there is also a self-evident  
fact on the surface—that it is most im-  
portant that the party attempting to give  
glasses understands his business."  
ALEX. RAY, Optical Specialist,  
Front St. Belleville.

During the past week England has  
suffered from one of the worst snow  
storms, and also from the severest cold  
experienced in many years. In some  
places railway trains were blocked for  
two days.

Mr. Eugene N. Foss, of Massachusetts  
a strong advocate of reciprocity, says a  
hundred million dollars of American  
capital has been invested in Canada in  
manufacturing, along American lines.  
He says our tariff makes it necessary  
for American manufacturers to estab-  
lish branches in Canada to hold the  
fish business. However that may affect  
Americans, it will not cause dissatis-  
faction on this side of the border. It  
rather substantiates the leading argu-  
ment of protectionists.

At the present time twelve residents  
of southern Manitoba are under heavy  
bonds in United States courts charged  
with smuggling wheat into United  
States territory. There is a difference  
of 50 cents per bushel in the prices of-  
fered in some parts of Manitoba, and  
those which prevail across the line in  
the States. The Government may have  
some difficulty in proving that the men  
did not really intend to pay duty, and  
that the enormous arrears have been  
within the past two weeks, the practice  
continues, and hundreds of bushels of  
Canadian wheat daily find their way to  
elevators on the United States side of  
the line.

## Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe  
winter weather both my wife and myself  
contracted severe colds which speedily de-  
veloped into the worst kind of a gripe  
with all its miserable symptoms," says  
Mr. J. S. Edleston, of Maple Landing,  
Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles  
sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose run-  
ning, with alternate spells of chills and  
fever. We began using Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy, adding the same with a  
dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver  
Tablets, and in a few days our troubles  
completely knocked out the grip."

It is a good plan to take a dose of the  
Tablets when you have a cold. They pro-  
mote a healthy action of the bowels, liver  
and kidneys which is always beneficial  
when the system is congested by a cold or  
trick of the grip. For sale by Morton &  
Haight.

## Auction Sales.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8.—On East Half of Lot  
15 in the tenth concession of Rawdon, a  
lot of Farm Stock and Implements belong-  
ing to Mr. Ben. Cooney. Sale at 1 o'clock,  
sharp. Chas. Forde, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14.—On Lot 17 in the  
3rd Con. of Rawdon, the farm stock and  
implements, and a quantity of household  
furniture belonging to Mr. A. Dunkley.  
Sale at 1 o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auc-  
tioner.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15.—On lot 8 in the 6th  
con. of Rawdon, the farm stock and im-  
plements belonging to Mr. S. D. Sills.  
Sale at 1 o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers Auc-  
tioner.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16.—On Lot 23, 1st Con.  
Rawdon, the farm stock and implements  
belonging to Mr. A. W. Green. Sale at  
1 o'clock, sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20.—On lot 19, 6th con.  
of Rawdon, the farm stock and implements  
belonging to Mr. E. Maybee. Sale at one  
o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, auctioneer.

## Births.

SPRY—In Rawdon, on Nov. 28th, to Mr. and  
Mrs. Thos. Spry, a daughter.

## Deaths.

SPARROW—In Huntingdon, on Nov. 24th,  
Agnes Sparrow, wife of Wm. Sparrow, aged  
8 years, 9 months and 15 days.

## Rawdon Conservative Association.

The annual meeting of the Rawdon Lib-  
eral Conservative Association will be held  
at the Town Hall, Rawdon, on Monday  
evening, Dec. 13th, at 8 o'clock, for the  
election of officers, and the transaction of  
general business.

W. W. DRACUP, Secretary. T. C. McCONNELL,  
President.

## Plum Grove Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of the Plum Grove  
Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at  
the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at one  
o'clock, for the purpose of the transaction  
of all business in connection with the  
company.

FRED. FANNING, Pres.

## Evergreen Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of Evergreen Cheese  
Co. will be held at the Factory on Satur-  
day, Dec. 18th, at 1 o'clock, p.m., for the  
purpose of paying dividends, and the trans-  
action of any other business in connec-  
tion with the company.

WM. RODGERS, Pres.

## HAROLD CHEESE FACTORY.

The annual meeting of the Harold Cheese  
Manufacturing Co. will be held at the  
factory, on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at the  
hour of one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose  
of paying dividends, letting milk routes,  
and any other business that may be  
brought before the meeting.

JOHN TANNER, Pres.

## FOR SALE

Two good, general purpose horses, will  
be sold at reasonable prices for cash, or on  
time.  
J. D. MCGEE,  
Lot 9, Con. 1, Rawdon. Stirling P.O.

## Central Cheese Manufacturing Co.

The Annual Meeting of the Central  
Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at  
the factory on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at nine  
thirty o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of  
paying dividends, electing officers, hiring chee-  
smakers, and for the transaction of any  
other business that may come before the  
meeting.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, Pres.

## Taxes! Taxes!

Notice is hereby given that all taxes due  
the Municipality of the Village of Stirling  
must be paid before the 1st of December,  
next. No second call will be made.

R. G. KINGSTON,  
Collector.

## Enterprise Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of the Enterprise  
Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at  
the factory, on Dec. 2nd, 1904, at 9 o'clock,  
a.m., for the purpose of paying dividends,  
electing officers, engaging cheese-makers,  
and the transaction of any other business  
that may be brought before the meeting.

W. T. SINE, President.

## NEW CUTTERS.

My stock of Cutters are now in with all  
the improvements of this year—with first-  
class trimmings in a variety of colors to  
suit the tastes of all; with or without  
second seat; right up-to-date in every re-  
spect. Having got all the rebates and dis-  
counts possible, I am sure it will pay in-  
tending purchasers to call and examine my  
stock. Also Long Sleighs with boxes,  
and other sleighs on hand.

Sale Rooms adjoining S. Wright's Black-  
smith Shop.  
B. BUSH.

## A

## SPRING BROOK

## Drug Store.

## OF

## Coal Oil

## JUST

## ARRIVE.

## MORTON & HAIGHT.

We beg to announce to the citizens  
of Spring Brook and surrounding coun-  
try, that we have opened with a full  
line of

## Pure Drugs,

## Patent Medicines,

## Perfumes,

## Druggists' Sundries,

## Stationery and School Supplies,

and trust by strict application to busi-  
ness and fair dealing to secure a por-  
tion of your patronage.

New Goods and prices right. Pre-  
scriptions and Family Recipes care-  
fully prepared.

W. A. SARGENT, M. D.

J. PARKER, Manager.

# STIRLING'S Popular Cash Store.

Headquarters for Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Skirts. Every  
skirt guaranteed in cloth, quality, wear, fit and style and only  
a pleasure to show our fine range in mostly every color.  
Prices from \$2.00 to \$10.00 each.

**LADIES' SUITINGS**—We need say nothing about our  
fine range, as you can see for yourselves the good values in all  
the newest shades. They sell themselves. Prices as low as  
15c. yd. double fold.

**WAISTINGS**—in pretty patterns and colors. Our range  
is very large and we are sure to suit you and at a price that  
will surprise you.

**WRAPPERETTES**—We have only one thing to say  
about them—you can save money buying them at MONT-  
GOMERY'S. They have the best values shown at 10c. yd., and  
about 50 pieces to choose from.

**TOWELLINGS, TABLE LINENS and NAPKINS**—  
When you think of buying take time to think about going the  
right place and turn into MONTGOMERY'S Store.

**Ladies' FLANNELETTE UNDERWEAR**—Something  
new in Night Gowns, Drawers, Underskirts and Corset Covers  
All colors. Prices exceedingly low.

## HOSIERY. HOSIERY.

The Double Leg Hosiery, the best made. We are the sole  
agent of Stirling.

Extra Heavy Wool Hosiery, special at 25c.

Cashmere Hosiery at prices too numerous to mention.

## UNDERWEAR

in Childrens', Misses', Ladies', Boys' and Men's. We are  
showing some special lines, and this is the time of the year  
when you are looking for good values. We have the same  
lines as last year, and which cannot be beaten.

## Gents' Furnishings.

Overalls, Top Shirts, Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters, Men's  
Gloves and Mitts, Socks, Braces, Ties, Cuffs and Collars, Fine  
Shirts, Caps, Pants and Pea Jackets.

Men's Overcoats—We have some stunners at \$5, \$8, \$10.

Ready-Made Clothing—A full range of sizes at very low  
prices.

Fur Coats—the very best at cheapest prices.

Buggy Rugs and Robes at all prices.

Floor and Table Oilcloths, all widths.

Floor Matting at 12 1/2c., 18c., 25c.

## GROCERIES.

A full stock of Gro



# The Price of Liberty

OR, A MIDNIGHT CALL

"Don't utterly destroy the frame," Littimer said, resignedly. "It is reputed to be Quertin Matsy's work, and I had it cut to its present fashion. I'll go to the end of the gallery till the executioner's over."

"On the contrary," Miss Lee said, firmly, "you will stay where you are told."

A little to his own surprise Littimer remained. He saw the nails driven firmly in and finished off with a punch so that there might be no danger of hammering the exquisitely wrought frame. Miss Lee stood regarding her work with a suggestion of pride.

"There," she said, "I flatter myself a carpenter could have done no better."

"You don't know our typical carpenter," Littimer said. "Here is Tredwell with a telegram. For Miss Lee I hope it isn't an intimation that some relative has died and left you a fortune. At least, if it is, you mustn't go until we've had one of those quarrels you promised me."

Christabel glanced at the telegram and slipped it into her pocket. There was just a few words in the telegram that would have been unintelligible to the ordinary understanding. The girl did not even comprehend, but Littimer's eyes were upon her and the cipher had to keep for a time. Littimer walked away at an intimation that his steward desired to see him.

Instantly the girl's manner changed. She glanced at the Rembrandt with a shrewd smile that meant something beyond a mere act of prudence well done. Then she went down to the library and began an eager search for a certain book. She found it at length, the "David Copperfield" in the "Charles Dickens" edition of the great novelist's work. For the next hour or so she was flitting over the pages with the cipher telegram spread out before her. A little later and the few jumbled, meaningless words were coded out into a lengthy message. Christabel read them over a few times, then with the aid of a vesta she reduced the whole thing, telegram and all, to tinders, which she carefully crushed and flung out of the window.

She looked away down the terrace, she glanced at the dappled deer knee-deep in the bracken, she caught a glimpse of the smiling sea, and her face saddened for a moment. "How lovely it all is," she murmured. "How exquisitely beautiful and how utterly sad! And to think that if I possessed the magician's wand for a moment I could make everything smile again. He is a good man—a better man than anybody takes him to be. Under his placid, cynical surface he conceals a deal of suffering. Well, we shall see."

She replaced the "Copperfield" on the shelf and turned to go again. In the hall she met Lord Littimer dressed for riding. He smiled as she passed.

"An revoir till dinner-time," he said. "I've got to go and see a tenant. Oh, yes, I shall certainly expect the pleasure of your company to dinner. And now that the Rembrandt—"

"It is safe for the afternoon," Christabel laughed. "It is generally when the family are dining that the burglar has his busy time. A pleasant ride to you."

## CHAPTER XXVI.

Lord Littimer returned, as he declared, with the spirits and appetite of a schoolboy. All the same, he did not for one moment abandon his usual critical analysis. He rattled on gaily, but he was studying his guest all the same. She might have been the typical American lady student; but he was not blind to the fact that the plain muslin and lace frock she wore was made in Paris or that her manners and style must have been picked up in the best society. She sat there under the shaded lights and behind the bank

# Do You Choose

Your Medicine with Care and Insist on Having  
DR. CHASE'S SYRUP OF LINSEED AND TURPENTINE

You cannot be too particular in buying medicine. It may be a question of life or death.

There are so many cough and cold remedies that there is a tendency to be careless in the selection of treatment, and yet what is more dangerous than a cold?

You would not think of taking any medicine that might be offered for heart trouble or kidney disease, and yet for more people die from the results of neglected colds than from these ailments.

INSIST ON HAVING A MEDICINE OF RELIABILITY AND REPUTATION, SUCH AS DR. CHASE'S SYRUP OF LINSEED AND TURPENTINE.

This great family medicine has stood the test of years, and never disappointed those who put their trust in it as a cure for croup, bronchitis, whooping cough, asthma, coughs, colds, and throat troubles.

Do not be misled with substitutes and imitations, for they lack the curative powers which have given Dr.

of flowers like as to the manner born, and her accent was only slightly American to render her conversation pleasant.

"You have always been used to this class of life?" Littimer asked. "There you are quite mistaken," Christabel said, coolly. "For the last few years my existence has been anything but a bed of roses. And your remark, my lord, savors slightly of impertinent curiosity. I might as well ask you why your family is not here."

"We agreed to differ," Littimer responded. "I recollect it caused me a great deal of annoyance at the time. And my son chose to take his mother's part. You know I had a son?"

"Yes," said Christabel, without looking up from the peach she was peeling. "I have met him."

"Indeed. And his opinion did you form of my son, may I ask?"

"Well, I rather liked him. He seemed to me to be suffering from some great trouble, and trouble I am sure that was not of his own creating."

"What means to say you feel rather sorry for Frank. But when you say the trouble was not of his own creating you are entirely mistaken. It is not a nice thing to say, Miss Lee, but my son was an utter and most unmitigated young scoundrel. If he came here he would be ordered out of the house. So far as I am concerned, I have no son at all. He sides with his mother, and his mother has a considerable private fortune of her own. Where she is at the present moment I have no idea. Nor do I care. Seems odd, does it not, that I should have been very fond of that woman at one time, just as it seems odd to think that I should have once been fond of treacle tart?"

Littimer spoke evenly and quietly, with his eyes full upon the girl. He was deceiving himself, but he was not deceiving her for a moment. His callousness seemed to be all the more marked because the servants were in the room. But Christabel could see clearly what an effort it was.

"You love your wife still," she said, so low that only Littimer heard. His eyes flashed, his face flushed with a sudden spasm of passion.

"Are we to quarrel so early as this?" he whispered. "I never quarrel," Christabel said, coolly. "I leave my antagonist to do that. But I have met your son, and I like him. He may be weak, but he is a gentleman. You have made a mistake, and some day you will be sorry for it. Do you grow those orchids yourself?"

Littimer laughed, with no sign of anger remaining. All the same, Christabel could see that his thin brown hand was shaking. She noticed the lines that pain had given under those shrewd black eyes.

"You must see my orchids," he said. "Most of the specimens I obtained myself. They tell me I have at least three unique kinds. And now, if you will permit me, I am going to smoke. The drawing-room is at your disposal, though I rarely enter it myself. I always retire at eleven, but that need not bind you in any way. It has been altogether a most delightful evening."

But Christabel did not daily long in the drawing-room. As she went upstairs and along the corridor she heard the snapping of the electric lights all over the house as the servants were preparing to retire. She paused just a moment in the alcove where the Rembrandt was, and located carefully the position of the switch there. Then she retired to her own room, where she changed her dress for a simple black gown. A big clock somewhere was striking twelve as she finished. She looked out of her door. The whole house was in darkness, the silence seemed to cling like a curtain.

She paused for a moment as if afraid to take the next step. If it was fear, she shook it aside resolutely and asked:

"My dear man, I want to do nothing with you. Only do as you are told and—there! The other man is coming up the ivy. He can't understand the light and you are not returning. He looks at the clock and you are looking in the wrong place. Please go."

Littimer backed before the weapon backed until he was in the doorway. Suddenly the girl gave him a push, shut the door, and turned the key in the lock. A moment later a faint, instant another figure loomed large in the window-frame.

ly and crept into the corridor. She carried something shining in her hands—something that glowed in the dim, uncertain light from the big window. She stood just for an instant with a feeling that something was about to happen, and then she slipped again up the ivy outside the house. She felt her way along until she came to the alcove containing the Rembrandt and then she stopped. Her hand slid along the wall till her fingers touched the switch of the electric light.

She stood for a long time there perfectly motionless. It was a still night outside, and there was nothing to account for the rustling of the ivy leaves. The rattling came in jerks, spasmodically stopping every now and then and resuming again. It was no longer a matter of imagination, it was a certainty. Somebody was climbing up the ivy to the window.

Leaning eagerly forward, Christabel could hear the sound of laboured breathing. She seemed to see the outline of an arm outside, she could catch a faint rattle of the ivy, she could almost see a bent wire crooked through the beaded edges of the casement. Yes, she was right. The window swung noiselessly back and a figure stood poised on the ledge.

With a quick breath and a fluttering of her heart Christabel felt the switch.

"It will be all right," she murmured. "The other one will fancy that the light is necessary. Courage, my dear, courage, and the game is yours. Ah!"

The intruder dropped inside and pulled the window behind him. Evidently he was on familiar ground, though he seemed to be seeking an unfamiliar object. Christabel's hand slid along the switch; there was a click, and the alcove was bathed in brilliant light. The intruder shrank back with a startled cry. He rubbed his dazed eyes.

"Why not come in through the front door, Mr. Littimer?" Christabel drawled, coolly.

Christabel had no words for a moment. He was wondering to this woman was and what she was doing here. American, evidently, by her accent, and also by the revolver that she handled so assuredly.

"That is the way you used to enter," Christabel proceeded, "when you had been out contrary to parental instructions and the keepers expected to have a fracas with the poachers. Your bedroom being exactly opposite detection was no easy matter. Your bedroom has never been touched since you left. The key is still outside the door. Will you kindly enter it?"

"But—," Frank stammered. "But I assure you that I cannot—"

"Take the Rembrandt away. You cannot. The frame is of iron, and it is fastened to the wall. It would take an experienced carpenter quite a long time to remove it. Therefore your mission has failed. It is very annoying, because it puts the other man in a very awkward position. The position is going to be still more awkward presently. Please go to your room."

"My dear lady, if my father knows that I am in the house—"

"You are not going to know that you are in the house, at least not for some time. And when you see him it will be better to say more than is necessary. Later on you will recognise what a friend I am to you."

"You are not showing it at present," Littimer said, desperately. "The patient rarely sees any virtue in his medicine. Now, please, go to your room. I can hear the other man muttering and getting anxious down below. Now, if you approach that window again I am pretty certain that my revolver will go off. You see, I am an American, and we are so careless with such weapons. Please go to your room at once!"

"And if I refuse your ridiculous request?"

"You will not find my request in the least ridiculous. If you refuse I shall hold you up with my weapon and alarm the whole house. But I don't want to do that, for the sake of the other man. He is so very respectable, you know, and anything unconventional may be so awkward for him. Yes; it is just as I expected. He is coming up the ivy to investigate himself. Go!"

The revolver covered Littimer quite steadily. He could see into blue rim, and he was conscious of strange cold sensations down his spine. A revolver is not a pretty thing at the best of times; it is doubly hazardous in the hands of a woman. "What do you want with me?" he asked.

"My dear man, I want to do nothing with you. Only do as you are told and—there! The other man is coming up the ivy. He can't understand the light and you are not returning. He looks at the clock and you are looking in the wrong place. Please go."

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Something bulky was struggling to get through the window. Half hidden in the shadow, Christabel watched with the deepest interest. It she had been alone, the whole sensation had entirely departed by this time. From the expression of her face she might have been enjoying the novel situation. It was not until without a suggestion of the farcical.

The burly figure contrived to squeeze through the narrow casement at length and stood breathing heavily in the corridor. It was not a pleasant sight that met Christabel's gaze—a big man with a white, set face and rolling eyes and a stiff bandage about his throat. Evidently the intruder was utterly exhausted, but he waved this fact aside and nursed his head between his hands.

"Now, what has become of that fool?" he muttered. "Ah!"

He looked around him uneasily, but his expression changed as his eyes

fell on the Rembrandt. He had the furtive look of a starving man who picks up a morsel whilst the owner is still in sight. He staggered towards the picture and endeavored to take it gently from the support. He tried to climb again, and then in a paroxysm of rage tore at the frame-work.

"I guess that it can't be done," Christabel said, drawlingly. "See stranger?"

Reginald Henson fairly gasped. As he turned round the ludicrous mixture of cunning and confusion, anger and vexatious alarm on his face caused the girl to smile.

"I beg your pardon," he stammered.

"I said it can't be done," the girl drawled, coolly. "Sawdow couldn't do it. The frame is made of iron and it is fixed to the wall by four long screws. It's a neat job, though I say it myself. I persuaded Lord Littimer to have it done. And when I heard you two prowling about down there I was glad. I've got the other one safe."

"Oh, yes, got the other one safe?" Henson said, blankly.

He would have liked to have burst out into a torrent of passion, only he recognised his position. The thing was shamefully funny. It was a thing he had picked for a man of his distinguished position to be detected in an act suspiciously like vulgar burglary. Still, there must be some plausible way out of the difficulty if he could only think of it. Only this

with the quiet, pretty face and spectacles did not look in the least like a fool. He would have to try what blandishments would do.

"Are you aware who I am?" he asked blandly.

"What does it matter? I've got the other one, and no doubt he will be sent to the police. If he doesn't say too much he may get off with a light sentence. It is quite easy to see that you are the greater scoundrel of the two."

"My dear young lady, do you actually take me for a burglar?"

There was a note of deep pain in Henson's voice. He dropped into a chair again, with a feeling of utter weakness upon him. The girl's resolute mien and the familiar way in which she handled her revolver filled him with the deepest apprehension.

"I am a very old friend and relative of Lord Littimer's," he said.

"Oh, indeed. And is the other man a relative of Lord Littimer's also?"

"Oh, why, confound it, yes. The other man, as you call him, is Lord Littimer's only son."

Christabel glanced at Littimer, not without admiration.

"Well, you are certainly a cool head," she said. "You are two clever thieves who have come here for the express purpose of robbing Lord Littimer of one of his art treasures. I happen to catch one, and he immediately becomes the son of the owner of the place. I am so fortunate as to bag the other bird, and he resolves himself into a relative of my host's. And you really expect me to believe a Hans Andersen fairy story like that!"

"I admit that appearances are against me," Henson said, humbly. "But I am speaking the truth."

"Oh, indeed. Then why didn't you come in through the front door? The violent exercise you were taking just now must be dangerous to a man of your build."

"I am afraid I shall have to make a clean breast of it," Henson said, with what he fondly imagined to be an engaging smile. "You may, perhaps, be aware that yonder Rembrandt has a history. It was stolen from its present owner once, and I have always said that it will be stolen again. Many a time I urged Lord Littimer to make it secure."

"How grateful you should be to me for having done so!"

"Ah, you are cynical still, which is a bad thing for one so young and—or charming. I came down here to see my very noble relative, and his son accompanied me. I came to try and make peace between father and son. But that is a fantasy, and which, forgive me, I cannot discuss with a stranger. Our train was late or we should have been here long ago. On reaching the castle it struck me as a good idea to give Lord Littimer a lesson as to his carelessness. My idea was to climb through the window, and then, as the Rembrandt, and slip quietly into my usual bedroom here. Then in the morning after the picture had been missed, I was going to tell the whole story. That is why Mr. Littimer entered this way and why I followed when I found that he had failed to return. It was a very bad thing to do, and the denouement has been most humiliating. I assure you that is all."

"Not quite," Christabel drawled. "There is something else."

"And what may that be?" his dear young lady asked.

"I tell you my story to Lord Littimer before you sleep. That kind of romance may do for Great Britain, but it wouldn't make good family reading in the States."

"But, my dear young lady, I beg of you to improve your story."

"Come off the grass! I'm to let you go quietly to bed and retire myself, so that when morning arrives you will be missing together with as much plunder as you can carry away. No, sir."

Henson advanced angrily. His prudence had gone for the time. As he came down upon Christabel she raised her revolver and fired three shots in quick succession over Henson's shoulder. The noise went echoing and reverberating along the corridor like a crackling of thunder. A door came open with a click, then a voice demanded to know what was wrong.

"Now I guess the fat is in the fire," Christabel said.

Henson dropped into a chair and groaned. Lord Littimer, elegantly attired in a suit of silk pyjamas and carrying a revolver in his hand, came coolly down the corridor. A curious servant or two would have followed, but he waved them back grimly.

"Miss Lee," he said, with a faint, sarcastic emphasis, "and my dear friend and relative, Reginald Henson—Reginald, the future owner of Littimer Castle!"

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## ON THE FARM.

TOUCH AS TO QUALITY.

There are certain terms that have come to us from our forefathers, which are supposed to indicate, quite definitely, the quality of the animals we are judging, and we are disposed to use them quite freely, such as "well," "handling," and "quality." When we use one of these terms we mean to convey the same impression as when we use another, hence we call them synonymous terms. We have become accustomed to consider that external indications, as manifested by the skin of the animal, is an index to the character of the meat found beneath it. Only to a certain degree is this correct, as we consider quality at the present time. The time was, if an animal was covered with an outer coating of fat it was accepted as being of good quality. Such a condition is not accepted as of the best quality at the present time.

The skin is an index to the condition of the animal we are free to admit. A mere touch knows where the animal's hide is tight the first thing one will do if they are endeavoring to start an animal thriving after they have fed a little better for a short time, is to feel of the hide and see if it is loosening. That the hide itself is an index to the character of the animal to a great extent, is also true; hence we hear the remark that a certain animal has a "thin papery hide and consequently lacks constitution," or, "quite another has a 'thick leathery hide' and is robust and capable of making a good rustler. The medium hide comes nearer what is generally desired."

When we speak of quality of meat in an animal as indicated by the touch we meet a different problem. There are several things that are to be considered, Natural conditions, or what is called in modern parlance, temperament, in the animal, must be taken into consideration. One that is predisposed to be excessively bony cannot produce meat of the highest quality. One that is excessively nervous will be lacking in quality. But if the animal is of the medium temperament, has large vital organs, the lymphatics are active, then the oleaginous elements taken from the food by the process of digestion will be evenly distributed, every part of the system partakes of the same characteristics, and the animal is continuously developed from birth to maturity, will we get the sweet, savory meat such as Isaac loved.

It should be borne in mind that it is not so much the skin that indicates the quality of the meat as the

"So he told me, but I wouldn't believe him," said Christabel. "It is a cynical age," Littimer remarked. "Reginald, what does this mean?"

(To be Continued.)

Milk is made up of water and solids, the solids varying from 11 to 16 per cent, and averaging about 13 per cent. The solids are again divided into fat and solids. The solids not fat dissolved in the water make a thin syrup, or serum. Fat will not dissolve in water. In milk it is found in the form of microscopic globules, which vary in size from 1-2,000 to 1-40,000 of an inch in diameter.

The globules in the milk of Jerseys and Guernseys are larger than those in the milk of Shorthorns and Holsteins. As the milking period of a cow increases, they become smaller and much more numerous. A drop of milk, freshly drawn from the udder, is viewed under a microscope, the globules will appear evenly distributed over the field. After the milk has stood a while, they will group themselves in little bunches.

If they are at the right temperature to be sticky, they will run together when agitated and may become visible to the naked eye as butter granules. This is the explanation of what takes place in churning. The globules are measured by means of a little scale in the eyepiece of a microscope. The lines on this scale mark off the field of the microscope, and the little globules falling between the lines can be measured.

By adding a known quantity of water to milk, the globules of fat can be counted by using the microscope. It has been found that a single drop of milk contains from 50,000,000 to 150,000,000 of globules.

These are lighter than the serum in which they float, and so rise to the top of the milk, forming cream. The large globules naturally rise first, and the smallest ones rise slowest. Heating and agitating causing the globules to run together in groups, hastens cream rising.

Fastening milk breaks up the groups of globules, and hence the cream rises slower on pasteurized than unpasteurized milk. This also occurs when milk is run through a centrifugal separator, and for the same reason separator cream appears thinner than the cream raised by the gravity method of the same percentage of fat.

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## ATHLETICS.

The autumn is the time when the newspapers take up the subject of athletics, especially college athletics and discuss its bearing upon the future of the individual and of the race. This discussion is renewed each year during the football season, and each year it is abandoned with the question no nearer a solution than at its beginning.

It is contended that athletes live as long as, if not longer than, the average person, that exercise never harmed any one, and that nothing can be more hygienic or more health-giving than hard training. To this it is replied that statistics prove the fact that few athletes live to a green old age, even if by chance they reach middle life, that over-exercise causes hypertrophy of the heart, hardening of the arteries and kidney disease, and that the gorging, the tobacco-smoking, the over-drinking to which the athlete turns as soon as the contest is over and the trainer gives him freedom to do what he will, not only undo all the possible good of training, but work grave harm by sudden excesses after abstinence.

As is usually the case in all controversies, there is right on both sides. Given a young man with sound organs, supple arteries and well-balanced nervous system, it is probable that he can work with the college team for the entire four years—under medical supervision, of course—without damage to the heart. The danger will come when he leaves college and enters upon the professional or business career, which allows little time for athletics. If the enlarged, muscular heart, which all athletes must have, is suddenly relieved of all extra work, it will make haste to disengage its muscles, and this by a process of fatty degeneration, most dangerous to the present and future integrity of the organ. But if the ex-athlete continues his training and his exercise in gradually lessening degree, tapering off, as it were, to a normal existence, the reduction in size of the heart will also be gradual, and the heart is let down slowly and very gradually, it will keep its tone—otherwise it will probably be ruined. Herein lies the secret, the good and bad of athletics, in sane moderation, for healthy men—*Youth's Companion.*

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## QUEEN OF THE HIGHLANDS

THE JUBILEE OF BEAUTIFUL BALMORAL.

The Place Is Full of Happy Memories for Queen Alexandra.

If, of all the King's homes, Sandringham is nearest to his heart, there can be little doubt that Balmoral, with its forty years of happy memories may claim the second place in his affection.

Indeed, apart from long association it would be difficult for anyone not to fall in love with the King's beautiful and romantic seat in the Highlands. To Queen Victoria it was always the "dearest place in all the world—the only place, in fact, where I am permitted to forget that I am a Queen." "Every year," she wrote in her diary, "my heart becomes more fixed in this dear paradise and so much more now that it has become my dearest Albert's own creation, own work, own building, own laying out, as Osborne was; and his great taste and the impress of his dear hand have been stamped everywhere."

It is just over half a century since Queen Victoria proudly laid the foundation-stone of the present house which was to be the place of the pretty and quaint old Scottish castle, the survival of many centuries and in the autumn of 1854, though the building was but half finished, the impatient young Sovereign insisted on taking possession of it.

INCOMPLETE AS IT WAS, she fell into its charms at once, and she wrote enthusiastically, "The new house looks beautiful. An old shoe was thrown after us for luck as we entered the hall. The house is charming, the rooms delightful, the furniture, papers, everything, perfection. The view from the windows is quite beautiful."

And indeed, the Queen's enthusiasm could not paint her new home in too bright colors, for there is no home in the King's dominions more picturesquely and romantically placed than Balmoral. The house, it is true, with its gables and millions, turrets and square tower, its magnificent oriel window and its imposing portals, may not satisfy the demands of scientific architecture, but none can deny it a charm and beauty of its own, with its setting of air woods and park sloping to the beautiful Dee of towering hills and wild sweeps of purple moorland, is of unrivalled beauty. In such a place the world of Courts and ceremonial pomp of stress and storm, seems left far behind, and the most harassed Sovereign in the world should find it easy to persuade himself that he is not a King, but a free, untrammelled child of Nature.

Queen Victoria, when she first looked on it, painted its charms exquisitely in these words: "The view is charming. To the left you look towards the beautiful hills surrounding Lochnagar, and to the right, towards Ballater, to the glen along which the Dee winds, with

BEAUTIFUL WOODED HILLS, which reminded me very much of the Thuringerwald. It was so calm, so solitary, and it did one so much good as one gazed around; and the pure mountain air was most refreshing. All seemed to breathe freedom and peace, and to make me forget the world and its sad turmoil. The scenery is wild and yet not desolate."

For Queen Alexandra, as for Queen Victoria, the place is full of happy memories of the early years of wedded life, when she rambled over the moors and plucked the heather with her husband by her side, when he taught her to wield a rod on the banks of the Dee, and when she made her first friends among her lowly and devoted Scottish neighbors. There are those still living who can recall the first visits of the beautiful young Princess to their cottage, how she would take the little ones on her knees, help some half-blind old dame with her knitting, or minister tenderly by the bedside of the sick.

One of the earliest favorites was old "Jockie" Simpson, a pensioner who, at Copenhagen, had fought against the Princess's countrymen. But this past antagonism only increased her interest in the old veteran, and she insisted on seeing the cutlass and musket he carried and on hearing the story of the fighting. No wonder that Jockie's heart was quickened, on that his last day he treasured so proudly the memento which was "the Bonnie Princess's" gift.

Amid such loving and loyal neighbors, and surrounded by the richest treasures of scenery Scotland can show even to so fair a lady, who has Queen Alexandra's visits to Balmoral as a "FULL OF QUIET DELIGHT?" She loves to renew memories of the neighboring Aberdeenshire Castle, with its historic square keep and round, clinging turrets, where she has spent so many happy days with the King; and of Biskul, the charming little place, where her husband made his bachelor home before he sought his bride in Denmark.

Then, within an easy walk or drive are some of the most romantic and beautiful sights to be seen in Scotland—the lovely falls of Gairnaw, in their green setting of trees, the Linn of Dee, with the dark waters swirling and seething deep down in its rocky gorge; Braemar, reached by the beautiful "Queen's Drive" through the romantic Forest of Balmorlie; and the Earl of Mar's Punch-bowl, once filled to the brim with whisky-toddy for the followers of "Bonnie Prince Charlie." Not far away is Mar Lodge, the home of the Queen's daughter, the Duchess of Fife, with the neighboring Corriemulzie Falls; Cairn Robin and Ben Haggard, mountains towering over 3,000 feet, to climb long stretches of glorious moorland to tramp over; the tempting waters of the Dee to fish in—and a hundred other charms to explore—all prepared to do their part in making an ideal holiday for a Queen.

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"FREE" IN ALL THINGS.

A Peculiar Religious Sect in England.

The Cokelers, a curious religious sect, may influence the result of the election in North-west Sussex. Founded in 1850, the sect holds aloof from politics, but an effort will be made to get the members to go to the polls, and as they possess about 500 votes they are an election asset not to be despised.

The derivation of the word Cokeler is enveloped in mystery. It is supposed by some to have relation to their principles of temperance and their fondness for cocoa, and by others to a locality described in old records as "Cokky." The Cokelers are only to be found in the Weald of Sussex and in a few Surrey villages. They have a creed of a pronounced Antinomian type, built upon a mystic and mystical way from their ber of texts and rendered capable of any interpretation which may be put on them. In each chapel there are elders or "stewards," picked from the congregation; but there are no ministers in the accepted sense of the term, and the order of service is closely akin to that of the Quakers. The Cokelers are not total abstainers, but very few of them touch intoxicating liquor, and in regard to wedlock, they hold that, while marriage is a thing to be avoided if possible, immorality is a greater evil. In these circumstances, although they have no marriage service of their own, the elders raise no objection to members of the sect going through the ceremony elsewhere.

Mr. Chamberlain wants to see "free trade within the Empire," and the Cokelers' ideal is free trade within their own business limits. In every village where they have taken root the Cokelers have their own members, which is mainly supplied by members of the sect, and sells to all-comers to the profit of the sect. But these establishments pay their way and benefit all who have dealings with them, because their managers will not countenance "dumping" of any kind; and it is not surprising that a proposal to evolve a national scheme from the same germ as their parochial experiments should be looked upon by them with approval.

WHEN FRANCE FIGHTS. M. Roche, French ex-Minister of Commerce, gives statistics of the expense that France would incur in the event of a European war. He takes as a basis M. de Freycinet's calculation that the 600,000 men who were engaged in the Franco-Prussian War cost 18 francs a head a day from September 15th, 1870, to February 10th, 1871.

To-day the expense would be far greater. There would be at least 2,000,000 men in the fighting line; while to gain numerical strength, France would be obliged to appeal to the six classes of the territorial army, comprising 900,000 men. Thus 3,000,000 men would have to be mobilized, transported, and nourished. Six hundred thousand horses would be necessary, of which 500,000 would have to be bought and paid for. Taking 15 francs a head daily for each soldier, and estimating the expense of provender and the repair of material, M. Roche arrives at the colossal figure of \$6,000,000 daily as France's expense in a big European war under present conditions.

CHARM OF ROSES. HE. She gave me a rose That she wore on her breast, 'Tis dearest, 'tis best. When its petals are dust And when I am no more My soul will still cherish, Where'er it may soar, The joy that she gave me with The rose that she wore.

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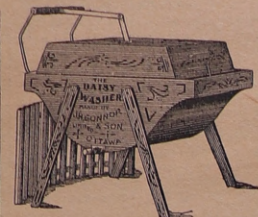


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Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 26, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of Charles Edward Parker, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, merchant, deceased, who died on or about the 10th day of October, A.D. 1904, to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise to deliver to James Parker, Banker, Marmora, Ont., the executor of the estate of the late Charles E. Parker, on or before the 10th day of December, 1904, a statement in writing of their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims or demands, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after the date above mentioned, that said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims, notice of which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said executor on or before the said 10th day of December, 1904.

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## "Poor Pay, Good Tenant."

"It isn't always the tenant who pays his rent on the first of the month who is most desirable," said a household-er the other day. "Your prompt tenant is likely to hold you his debtor for that virtue and feel perfectly free to ask for numerous improvements. My best paying property is leased to a man who is always two or three months behind in his rent. Of course I lose the interest on my money for that time, but that is all. In the three years in which he has rented of me he has not had the nerve to ask me even to paper a room for him. I haven't done it, either. In one instance he had some plumbing done at his own expense when he should have charged it to me. I am constantly afraid that he will get prosperous some day and want to pay me on time. Just as sure as he does I will have to spend several hundred dollars on the house."

## Artificial Eyes.

The trade in artificial eyes is extensive not only from the number of people who need them, but also from the fact that they only last for about a year in consequence of the action of the secretions of the eyes upon the enamel.

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## A Titled Dandy.

At the court of St. James in 1773 Lord Villiers appeared, according to a writer of that day, in a coat of "pale purple velvet, turned up with lemon color" and "embroidered all over with S's of pearl as big as peas, and in all the spaces little meallions in beaten gold—real solid—in various figures of Cupids and the like." In that day the dandies rouged and powdered and carried nosegays as big as cabbages. Walpole records an occasion in the house of commons when, to hasten the adjournment, some of the exquisites voted against their own opinions, "because the house was very hot and the young members thought it would melt their rouge and wither their nosegays."

## Origin of Some Names.

Many religious sects are now known by what were originally nicknames. These epithets, coined in derision, have "appreciated" and grown into honorable epithets. "Methodism" was a nickname originally, an undergraduate nickname, applied to Wesley and his friends because they lived by rule and method. Every one knows what it is now. So people use the word "Quaker" without any contemptuous connotation, and even a word like "ranter" was on the way toward respectability when ranting seemed to fall out of fashion.

## Safe From Burglars.

"I'm so glad the boys of your company gave you that handsome revolver," said the militia captain's wife. "We need have no fear now of the burglars infesting this neighborhood." "That's what" replied the gallant captain. "I've got it locked up in the office safe where they can't get at it."

## Three Famous Smokers.

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## Her Two Degrees.

"It was only two years ago that Mrs. Weddin took her B. A. at college, wasn't it?" "Yes. Why?" "She has just taken a higher degree—MA in the school of life."

## Willing to Demonstrate.

"Do you really believe that the proof of the pudding is in the eating?" "Sure! Give me the pudding and I'll prove it."

## Her Intended.

Ada—Why don't Clara speak of George as her intended? Are they engaged? Alice—No, but she intends they shall be.



A prominent club woman, Mrs. Danforth, of St. Joseph, Mich., tells how she was cured of falling of the womb and its accompanying pains and misery by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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## Took His Meals In His Cabin.

An Australian millionaire, Mr. James Tyson, left behind him when he died a fortune of \$8,000,000. One of the many stories concerning him tells how on one occasion he was a passenger on a Queensland coasting steamer. As usual, when traveling he declined to undress at night and lay in his bunk fully clothed, boots and all. He had taken thither with him, moreover, three loaves of bread upon which to subsist for forty-eight hours in order to save the expense of meals. The stewards complained to the purser of the crumbs which the millionaire's methods caused in the cabin. But nothing would induce Tyson to eat his loaves elsewhere than in his bunk. Great was his rage when at the end of the voyage he was charged not only full rate, but one-fourth extra for having "taken his meals in his cabin."

## Self Respect.

Self respect is at the bottom of all our love of life. Lessen our self respect and man is willing to throw his life away in debauchery and the worst kind of dissolute living. Self respect is the bond that holds all his powers together, that makes him able to act, to bear, to endure. Now, nothing but ceaseless striving for conduct, for morality, for principle, can give you self respect. Every man who deliberately does wrong and does not strive to put it beneath his foot as he would an assassin seeking to take his life loses self respect, and his power will pass away little by little.

There about 350 volcanoes on the earth that have had eruptions in modern times.

Provincial vital statistics show that the present outbreak of typhoid is of a virulent type.

Canadians carried off the prizes in nearly every class at the Live Stock Show, Chicago.

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#### The Dissemination of Weed Seeds.

All weeds are disseminated by means of their seeds, while a considerable number also multiply through the medium of underground root stems. Among the latter we have couch grass, Canada thistle, perennial sow-thistle, bindweed, sheep sorrel, and some others. When a new weed is discovered, it is a good plan to examine into its habits of growth and means of reproduction and dissemination. A knowledge of these is more important to the farmer than the mere name of the weed.

Weeds that depend for reproduction upon their seed alone produce them in large numbers. A single plant of false flax will mature from twenty-five to thirty thousand seeds, and although we sometimes have reason to doubt the vitality of the seed of corn or mangels that we buy, we need have no misgivings as to the vitality of these weed seeds. The seed of these weeds that mature in our grain crop, even though it shells out on the field, is with difficulty induced to germinate at a time when it can be destroyed. Some of it can be persuaded to grow by stirring the surface soil directly after harvest, but most of it will not germinate until it gets ready. Thus Nature provides for the perpetuation of the species.

In the Seed Laboratory at Ottawa one hundred fresh seeds of wild mustard were planted in good soil in a box, and under the most favorable conditions only thirty-five of them could be induced to grow. The box was then placed in the open air for a week with the thermometer below zero. When again put in the germinator, seventeen more of the seeds produced plants. The soil was then allowed to become thoroughly dry and again put out to freeze, after which twelve more of the hundred seeds germinated. This operation was repeated several times, until finally every seed demonstrated that the mother plant had not lived in vain.

As a rule the seeds of the more noxious weeds that grow from the seed alone retain their vitality for several years when imbedded in the soil. It is highly important, then, to prevent the formation of seed. It is quite evident that many fields throughout Canada have now a sufficient stock of seeds to produce luxuriant crops of weeds for several years, but by adopting a suitable rotation it is possible to prevent most of the plants from these seeds coming to maturity.

All will agree that most districts have their full share of weeds. Like the poor, they are always with us. How do we get them? Many farmers can doubtless remember when the Canada thistle was a new weed. Perennial sow-thistle, ribgrass, ragweed, bindweed, and some others are of more recent introduction. There are many more to come, and some of them are even more noxious than those that are now common. For instance, there is the devil's paint brush, or orange hawk-weed, that is already well distributed over the eastern townships of Quebec and part of New Brunswick. Where this weed has become well established land that was worth forty dollars an acre five years ago could not be sold for five dollars an acre to-day.

There are also a number of weeds that have been recently introduced into western Canada and which have proved to be exceedingly dangerous. Most of them were brought in by immigrants. Among them are the tumbling mustard, hare's-ear mustard, and field pennycress or stinkweed. A few plants of each of these have been found in different parts of Ontario during the past season, and the East will know more about them later. One thing seems clear, and that is that the weed pests are now gaining headway at a much more rapid rate than they did twenty-five years ago. How can we account for this?

The investigations of the Seed Division have shown that the seedsmen are to blame to a considerable extent, but there are many other means by which weeds become disseminated, and which are worthy of consideration. Any farmer who has land that is annually flooded by freshets knows the difficulty of keeping such land free from weeds. Transportation companies, particularly the railway companies, have much to do with the introduction of new weeds. Most of our noxious weeds are introduced from Europe. Their seeds are often brought in with material that is used for packing articles of commerce. This packing material is scattered about on the ground and the seeds soon germinate. In three or four years the new seed may be found on a large number of farms. That is the way most of our weeds come to us.

The wind and animals of various kinds do much to spread weed seeds in a local way. Seeds of many weeds are provided with special facilities, some like small parachutes, as in the dandelion and Canada thistle, by the aid of which the seeds are carried long distances by the wind. Nature provided seeds of other weeds, such as burrs, with the means of clinging to the wool of sheep or to other animals, in order to insure their distribution. In any case it is the seed that comes first; the weed course follows.

#### The Value of Strict Dairy Laws.

There has been some opposition to our stringent legislation, such as the Dairy Products Act of 1893 and the Butter Act of 1903, which forbid the manufacture and sale in Canada of adulterated dairy goods, including filled cheese and process butter. The Hastings cheese case, recently reported in the press, has shown that if our dairy laws had been one whit less strict, the Canadian cheese trade might have received a blow from which it would have required years to recover. The case in question is still fresh in the public memory. A leading firm of grocers in Hastings, England, was charged with selling as pure cheese an article which the local analyst alleged was adulterated with foreign fat. Fortunately the Canadian High Commissioner and the chief inspector in Britain of the Department of Agriculture were able to present a vigorous defence, backed up by indisputable evidence forwarded from Canada by the Chief of the Dairy Division. It was shown that in Canada the manufacture of margarine or "filled" cheese was absolutely prohibited under heavy penalties, and the conditions of manufacture were such that it was quite impossible for this to happen without the fact coming to the notice of the authorities. The purity of the cheese was admitted and the charge finally dismissed, when it was found that the Canadian contentions were proven by the report of the Government Analyst, which showed that the sample in question contained 43 per cent of milk fat and no foreign fat whatever.

The case has attracted almost universal attention in Great Britain and the triumphant vindication of the purity of Canadian dairy products will prove a great advertisement of our foods. If, however, our dairy laws had been lax or our departmental organization imperfect on either side of the Atlantic, the result might have been different.

#### Foxboro Notes

Dr. T. S. Holgate, of Evanston, Ill., paid his brother, J. A. Holgate of this place, a flying visit on Sunday, leaving on Monday for Montreal. His many friends were glad to give him a hearty handshake.

The Rev. Mr. Williams of Sidney circuit, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday evening, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Thompson, who preached anniversary sermon at the Stone church. A large number were present, especially young people.

Miss Phoebe Reid of this place was quietly married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Reid, to Mr. John Jacques, of Collingwood, on Thursday, Dec. 1st. The bride was prettily attired in navy blue, and her going away gown was brown. They left on the afternoon train for Toronto and Collingwood, amid the good wishes of their many friends.

Miss Lena Givens is attending the sick bed of her sister, Mrs. F. Bragg, of Avonmouth. The latest reports are that Mrs. Bragg is improving.

Miss Marion Thompson left on Thursday, Dec. 1st for Ottawa, where she has secured a situation as kindergarten teacher.

Miss Florence Wright, of Madoc, is visiting friends in our village.

Mr. John Eggleston has accepted the position of blacksmith with the Hathon Co. in the woods for the winter.

The anniversary services in connection with the Methodist church are to be held on Sunday Dec. 18th. Rev. J. C. Bell, of Stirling will preach morning and evening. On the following Monday evening will be the usual tea meeting, and a royal tea will be served, after which there will be an excellent programme.

The Christmas tree in connection with the Presbyterian Sunday School will be held on the evening of Dec. 12.

#### A Certain Cure for Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a quick cure is sure to follow. Mr. M. F. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in several cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by Morton & Haight.

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" \$10.00 Worsteds and Tweed Suits for	\$9.00.

### WINTER FOOTWEAR.

Heavy Boots for Men and Boys at	\$1.00 to \$2.50.
Heavy Rubbers for Men and Boys at	\$1.25 to \$2.75.
Extra Heavy Overshoes at	50c.
Fancy Winter Slippers for Men, Women and Children, at 25c., 35c., 50c. to \$1.00 pair.	

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Visit our Toy and Fancy Goods Department on the second floor. There we display a large assortment of gift goods in 10c., 15c., 25c. and 50c. Novelties.

### CHRISTMAS GROCERIES.

The freshest and choicest goods only offered in Fruits, Nuts, Peels, Spices and Canned Goods, and at the most reasonable prices.

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T. J. THOMPSON,  
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### NEW CUTTERS.

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### HAROLD CHEESE FACTORY.

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**JOHN TANNER, Pres.**

### FOR SALE

Two good, general purpose horses, will be sold at reasonable prices for cash, or on time.

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# RUSSIAN FLEET ON FIRE

## Japanese Bombarded Warships From 203-Metre Hill.

### MAY BLOW UP SHIPS.

A despatch from Tokio says:—The Japanese fleet besieging Port Arthur has mounted siege and naval guns on 203-Metre Hill, the eminence west of the town which with these they are heavily bombarding the Russian fleet in the harbor. Thirteen shells have struck the Russian battleship *Perevost*. Other warships of the squadron are in flames.

The Russians are still attempting to recapture 203-Metre Hill. They are now apparently massing their forces in that direction from the eastern and northern forts. Evidently the position, though it was not permanently fortified one, is considered worth the risk of diminishing the garrison to the utmost in attempts to recover it.

An officer who has just returned from Port Arthur says that when he left the Russians were landing heavy guns from the ships in the harbor preparatory to blowing up the ships.

### JAPS OCCUPY VILLAGE.

A despatch from Tokio says:—The following announcement was made at Imperial headquarters on Monday evening:—"The situation at the front with the Manchurian army is as follows:—At about 2 o'clock in the morning on Saturday night the enemy occupied Kuchiatun, driving the enemy northward. The village had been firmly held by the enemy's infantry with machine guns. Our casualties were 12 men wounded and not one killed. The enemy lost over 20 men.

"During the evening of Dec. 3 the enemy's artillery shelled Waitao Mountain. Two or three companies of his infantry advancing toward the mountain were repulsed."

### PORT ARTHUR SIEGE.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says:—A high officer of the general staff, who is intimately familiar with the fortifications of Port Arthur, insists that the importance of the capture of 203-Metre Hill has been over-estimated. He explains that this hill, which the Russians call Visokaya, is situated west of the railroad and belongs to the outer and not to the inner line of defenses, which are composed of permanent forts on Canonica Hill, or Sunchi Mountain, Kuchiatun, or Vantas Hill, and Woodcock Hill.

The Japanese are now only able to attack the main line, just as happened in the case of Dragon Hill, after the capture of Wolf Hills. The Japanese took Wolf Hills July 30, but it was not until four months later, Nov. 30, that they were able to reach the permanent forts on the north and northeast of Port Arthur.

"How long the permanent defenses will hold out after the loss of the others I do not venture to predict," continued the informant, "but it is not unfair to compare the situation with what occurred at Sebastopol. The last outer defense at Sebastopol was carried in June, but the capture of the Malakoff Tower did not follow till three months later. Sebastopol had the advantage of never having been completely invested, and continued throughout the siege to receive reinforcements and supplies.

"On the other hand, the natural strength of the positions at Sebastopol was inferior to those of Port Arthur. 203-Metre Hill is 25 metres higher than the permanent forts on the northern side, but it is 2,000 metres distant from them, whereas the distance between the Malakoff and the outer defenses at Sebastopol was only 500 metres. I believe the Japanese will try to carry the main forts by assault, and, failing in this, that they will revert to sapping and mining."

### TO MAKE DASH FOR LIBERTY.

A despatch from Tokio says:—It is the general opinion here that the Port Arthur fleet will attempt to make a sortie when the harbor becomes untenable or when the Russian plans for escape mature. It is evident that most of the ships are badly damaged and unfit for service, but some have fighting power. The Russians continue mine-clearing operations, manifestly for the purpose of preserving an avenue of escape.

### RUSSIANS REPULSED.

A despatch from Tokio says:—Manchurian headquarters, reporting Friday night, say:—"On Thursday at ten in the evening the enemy's infantry attacked Machuanantun Mountain, but were immediately repulsed. On Friday morning the enemy's infantry and cavalry approached Hungtiapitalun, but were driven off."

### BOMBARDED RAILWAY.

A despatch from Mukden says:—The Russian siege artillery began a bombardment at noon on Sunday in the region of the railway below Schakof, a station near Shakhe. The bombardment continued heavily throughout the afternoon. A large train of sick and wounded, part of whom were wounded in a recent small fight on the east flank, went north Friday indicating that the Russians were preparing for imminent casualties.

### BEFORE PORT ARTHUR.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The War Office here is not yet prepared to accept the report that the Japanese before Port Arthur have taken 203-Metre Hill, but if it is subsequently officially confirmed the War Office admits that it will be a desperate blow for the gallant de-

## PRINCIPAL CAVEN DEAD.

Noted Theologian and Head of Knox College Passes Away.

A Toronto despatch says:—Canada and, indeed, the whole religious world, will be grieved to learn of the death of Principal Caven, which occurred at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening. On Friday of last week he was at Knox College, and attended to his various duties, apparently in his usual health. On Saturday he was attacked with a complication of grippe and pneumonia and had to take to his bed. From that date he grew gradually weaker until the end came. He passed peacefully away at his late residence, 70 Spadina Road, surrounded by all the members of his family, with the exception of his daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, who is in India with her husband.

Had Principal Caven lived until the 26th of this month he would have been seventy-four years of age. About the end of last year he was critically ill for a time, but his wonderful vitality came to his rescue, and in June last he returned to his duties with renewed energy and vigor. His sudden death will come in the nature of a shock to his host of friends, who were of the opinion that he was only suffering from a slight indigestion.

Principal Caven married Margaret, daughter of the late John Goldie, of Ayr, the distinguished naturalist, in July, 1856. His widow, three sons, Dr. John Caven, Dr. James G. Caven, and Dr. W. P. Caven, practicing physicians, Toronto, and three daughters, Mrs. (Rev.) W. A. Wilson, a missionary in India, and the Misses Caven, at home, survive.

## TWO MEN ASPHYXICATED

Turned on the Gas in a Dundas Hotel.

A despatch from Hamilton says: Two men, William Macdonald and Wilbert Lawrence, farm hands, who resided in East Flamboro, were asphyxiated in a room on the top floor of the Melbourne Hotel, Dundas, between midnight and noon on Saturday. The two applied at the Melbourne for a room at midnight and were assigned to comfortable quarters on the third floor. They paid in advance and did not register. Saturday morning they did not put in an appearance at breakfast time, but, owing to the late hour at which they retired, their non-appearance did not lead anyone to suppose that there was anything wrong.

About noon Richard Corrigan, the day clerk, had reason to go up to the third floor. He detected an odor of gas, and at once investigated to ascertain where the leak was. On opening the door of the room in which the two men were supposed to be sleeping, he was almost overcome by the flow of gas. He hurried down stairs and secured assistance. The window was turned off and the room window opened. One man was found lying on the bed and the other underneath the bed. Both were dead, and the doctors, who were promptly summoned, could do nothing for them. At that time it was not known who the men were, but later on the police got information which led to the belief that their names were Macdonald and Lawrence.

## FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Desperate Bread Riots in a Hundred Districts.

A London despatch says: The Express prints a letter from Moscow stating that the terrible strain imposed by the war on the internal resources of the country has brought Central Russia into hunger's grip. Desperate bread riots are reported in more than a hundred districts, and the peasantry are dying from starvation by scores. In the Ukraine, times much longer they will die by thousands. There is piteous distress even in Moscow. Black bread has risen 20 per cent. in price. Rioting is feared, and the troops are kept on the alert. The price of bread has tripled at Tver, and quintupled at Uglich. The unceasing demands of the Government and the wholesale corruption of the tax collectors are driving the people to madness. Many have been killed and wounded by the soldiers in suppressing organized food riots. The soldiers themselves looted provision stores at Dunaberg, and joined the peasants in sacking bread shops in the Nijni-Novgorod district. Violent demonstrations against the war have been made throughout the country. If the people were united there would be a revolution.

## A RICH STRIKE.

Vein Running \$20,000 to the Ton in Northern Ontario.

A despatch from Fort William says: Word has just been received here that on Friday last Messrs C. Joy and A. Jennings arrived in Wabigoon from Gold River, Dismal Lake, with the news that the miners at the paymaster's property of the Northern Development Company had encountered a wonderfully rich body of ore while sinking a shaft from the 100-foot level. A couple of specimens of the highly mineralized bluish quartz, which has been a characteristic feature of the shaft since the first sink, were literally seamed with streaks of the precious metal, and easily represented a value of \$20,000 per ton. The width of the ore body varies from two to three feet. The find has excited intense interest among Western mining men,

## THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Wheat—The market is weaker on Ontario grades, with sales reported of No. 2 white and red winter at \$1.01 outside. No. 2 goose quoted at 89 to 90c east, and No. 2 Spring at 95c east. Manitoba wheat is steady. No. 1 Northern at 104c, and No. 3 Northern at 91 1/2c, Georgian Bay ports. Grinding in transit prices are 6c above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white is quoted at 32 1/2c, low freights, and 32c north and west; No. 1 white is steady at 33c east.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 45 to 46c middle freights; No. 3 extra, 43c, and No. 3 at 41c middle freights. Peas—The market is firm with prices unchanged at 67 to 68c outside.

Corn—The market is quiet, with new Canadian 42 to 43c west. New American yellow, 55c on track, Toronto, and new mixed, 54c, Toronto. Old American No. 3 yellow, 66c, and old No. 3 mixed, 64c, Toronto.

Rye—The market is quiet, with No. 2 quoted at 75 to 76c outside.

Buckwheat—The market is nominal at 55 to 56c at outside points.

Flour—No. 1 extra, 82c on track, Toronto. No. 2 extra, 81c on track, Toronto. Old American No. 3 yellow, 66c, and old No. 3 mixed, 64c, Toronto. Rye—The market is quiet, with No. 2 quoted at 75 to 76c outside.

Manitoba flours unchanged. No. 1 patents, \$5.70; No. 2 patents, \$5.40, and strong bakers', \$5.30 on track, Toronto.

Milled—At outside points bran is quoted at \$14.50 to \$15, and shorts at \$17.50 to \$18. Manitoba bran in sacks, \$19 and shorts at \$21.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Trade is fair, and prices firm. Prime beans are quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.40, and hand-picked at \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Crabapples—The market is unchanged at \$7.75 to \$8 per barrel.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 32 to 35c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet, at 7 1/2 to 8c per lb. Comb honey, \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen.

Hay—The receipts are fair, and prices unchanged. Car lots are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track, Toronto, the latter for No. 1 timothy.

Straw—The market is firm on light offerings. Car lots are quoted at \$6 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—The market is firmer on light offerings. Car lots are quoted at 75 to 80c per bag on track. Small lots at 85c to \$1.

Poultry—The receipts are moderate and prices steady. Spring chickens, 9 to 10c; hens, 6 to 7c per lb.; ducks, 9c per lb.; geese, 8 to 8 1/2c per lb.; turkeys, dry plucked, 13 to 14c; do, scalded, 10 to 11c per lb.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—The receipts are moderate, with prices unchanged. There is a good demand for choice grades. We quote:—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 18c; ordinary to choice large rolls, 15 to 17c; low to medium grades, 13 to 14c; creamery prints, 21 to 22c; solids, 19 1/2 to 20c.

Eggs—The receipts are moderate, and prices are steady. Case lots of new laid, 30 to 32c per doz.; fresh at 21c, and pickled at 20c.

Cheese—The market is unchanged, with large cheese quoted at 10 1/2 to 10 1/4c, and twins at 10 1/4c per lb.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with offerings moderate. Car lots are quoted at \$6.40 to \$6.50. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices. We quote:—Bacon, long clear, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$14.50 to \$15; do short cut, \$18.

Smoked meats—Hams, light to medium, 12 1/2 to 13c; do heavy, 12c; rolls, 9 1/2 to 10c; shoulders, 9 to 9 1/2c; hams, 14 1/2 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13c.

Lard—The demand is fair, with prices unchanged. We quote:—Tierces, 8c; tubs, 8 1/2c; pails, 8 1/4c.

### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Grain—Oats, 40 to 40 1/2c in No. 2 in store here; No. 3, 38c. Corn—No. 2, nominal at 60c; No. 3, 58 1/2 to 59c; No. 2 white, 60 to 61c; new No. 3 yellow, 57 1/2c on track; buckwheat, 54 1/2 to 55c. Flour—Manitoba patents, \$5.80; strong bakers', \$5.50; high Ontario broad patent, \$5.75; \$5.80 in wood; extra 90 per cent. patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60 in wood, and 25c per bbl less in shippers' new bags; straight rollers, \$2.45 to \$2.55, and 25 to 30c extra in wood. Rolled oats—\$2.12 to \$2.13 per bag. \$4.50 to \$4.85 in barrels. Feed—Ontario bran, \$17 to \$17.50; shorts, \$19 to \$20; Manitoba, bran, in bags, \$17 to \$18; shorts, \$21. Beans—Choice primes, \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel; \$1.35 to \$1.37 in car lots. Provision—Canadian short cut, \$16.50 to \$17.50; light short cut, \$16.50 to \$17; American clear fat backs, \$20; compound lard, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; kettle rendered, 8 1/2 to 9c; hams, 12 to 14c; bacon, 12 to 13c; fresh killed slaughter hogs, \$7 to \$7 1/2; heavy fat hogs, \$4.50; mixed lots, \$4.50 to \$5; select, \$5 to \$5.12 1/2c.

Cans—Ontario Fall white, 10 to 10 1/2c; colored, 10 1/2 to 10 1/4c; Quebec, 9 1/2 to 10c; Butter—Finest, 19 1/2 to 20c; medium grades, 18 to 19c; Western dairy, 15 to 15 1/2c. Eggs—Select new laid, 23 to 24c; straight gathered, candled, 20 to 21c; No. 2, 15 1/2 to 16c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 6.—Flour—Quiet. Wheat—Spring dull; No. 1, 1 1/2c; No. 2, 1 1/4c; winter dull; No. 2 red, in store, \$1.20. Corn—Only steady; No. 3 yellow, 58c; No. 3 corn, 51 to 51 1/2c. Oats—Steady; No. 2

white, 35 to 35 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 33 1/2c. Barley—45 to 58c. Rye—No. 1, 86c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 6.—Wheat—December, \$1.07 1/2; May, \$1.11 1/2; July, \$1.10 1/2; September, \$1.14 1/2. No. 1 hard \$1.10; No. 1 Northern, \$1.09; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04. Flour—First patents, \$6 to \$6.10; second patents, \$5.85 to \$5.95; first clears, \$4.35 to \$4.45; second clears, \$2.75 to \$2.85. Bran—in bulk, \$14.50.

Milwaukee, Dec. 6.—Wheat—No. 1, \$1.07; No. 1 1/2, \$1.08; No. 2 Northern, \$1.07 to \$1.09; May, \$1.08 1/2 to \$1.08 3/4 bid. Rye—No. 1, 80 to 81c. Barley—No. 2, 55c; sample, 37 to 51c. Corn—No. 3 old, 52 to 53c; May, 45 1/2 to 45 3/4c bid.

### LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—There was a good run at the City Cattle Market today. The feeling all round is that the worst of the season is now about over, and that in business from this point out until the usual Christmas trade sets in, there will be a steady improvement. There are not many export cattle offered just now, but an occasional pretty good lot comes in. A consignment of rough heavy North-West cattle was received by the firm of Maybce and Wilson, a class of cattle, and \$2 cash apparently there is no market. They are too rough for export, and no good for feeding. They were left unsold up to a late hour.

The day's run was 123 cars, with 1,100 head of cattle, 4,850 sheep and lambs, 2,400 hogs, and 82 calves.

Export—Fair demand for a good class of cattle. Poorly finished cattle not wanted. Butcher—Slight improvement in the demand for good butcher cattle. Prices steady to firm for the best. Rough butchers and common canners still away down. Choice butchers' heifers are firm at \$4.25 to \$4.40, but very few of the latter available.

Feeders—There is practically no demand for feeders, except for good short-keep.

Stocks—Demand is not very active at present, and each, at \$3.25 to \$3.50 for the choicest quality.

Sheep and Lambs—The run was unusually heavy to-day, but the market continued steady, with everything sold. Lambs were quoted 10c higher, at \$5.10.

Hogs—The market is steady, with no change in quotations, since last week. Selects, \$4.80; lights and fats, \$4.60.

## WILL GARRISON HALIFAX

Prominent Military Authority Makes Statement.

An Ottawa despatch says: The most interesting topic in military circles is that regarding the proposed withdrawal of the British troops from Halifax and Esquimaux, in which case the work of garrisoning these two fortifications will be left in the hands of the Canadian militia. In a semi-formal way, the subject has been discussed in the newly-formed Military Council. A prominent military officer says: "There will be remembered that at the conference of the colonial Premiers in 1901 one gentleman brought up this phase of Imperial defence, and the offer was made that if Great Britain withdrew her troops from the two garrisons mentioned, the Canadian Government would undertake the work. Well, the position has not since changed. Canadians are loyal enough to undertake the duty, and are ready." At the coming session of Parliament the subject will likely be thoroughly discussed.

## RUSSIA FEARS BRITISH.

Watching Reorganization of the Indian Army.

A St. Petersburg despatch says: The statement that Russia is concentrating troops on the Afghan frontier is denied. Nevertheless it is undoubtedly true that Russia is watching with some misgivings the British plans for the reorganization of the Indian army, as well as the despatch of a Reputation to Persia. Coming on the heels of the Tibetan expedition, those moves naturally create the suspicion that Great Britain is taking advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the Far East to strengthen her position on the Indian frontier of Persia. Russia seems highly alive to the situation, but no open movement has yet been made, and the authorities are not disposed to admit that any is in contemplation as a counter-move in Persia.

## THE DEAD NOT BURIED.

Starvation and Malaria in Northern Mexico.

A Mazatlan, Mexico, despatch says: Fearful conditions exist in the northern part of this State, the number of deaths ranging from 25 to 40 per day, owing to starvation and malaria. In many instances the dead are not given burial. It is said, but are thrown into open ditches and canals. The authorities cannot cope with the situation. Provisions have been scarce in north Sinaloa for some time, owing to the destruction of crops by torrential rains. The epidemic of malaria is due to these rains. Deaths from starvation and malaria are reported from the towns of Ahome, Mirador, Mochichal, Los Mochis, San Miguel and Higueras de Sargosa. Money to provide food, medicine and medical attention is being raised.

## CHILD'S SAD DEATH

Putting Letter to Santa Claus in Stove Proved Fatal.

A St. John, N. B., despatch says: Ada, the five-year-old daughter of H. R. Coleman, grocer, met a pathetic death Thursday evening. The child had been writing letters to Santa Claus on the morning, and putting them in the fire. In raising the cover from the stove her dress caught fire, and she was so badly burned that she died the same evening.

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

### CANADA.

The Grand Trunk legal department has been moved from Belleville to Montreal.

St. Catharines, it is expected, will be supplied with natural gas at an early date.

The Nova Scotia Government has sanctioned a scheme for the importation of pauper children.

The C. P. R.'s projected Ontario extension will tap River St. Clair and the Georgian Bay near Port Severn.

Thieves got away with \$240 from the cash drawer of P. J. Hurley's shoe store at Lind-y during business hours on Saturday night.

With the opening of the Soo road to Winnipeg there are prospects of a lively rate war between roads running from Winnipeg to St. Paul.

Edward Dunne of Brantford, who was stabbed in September last, it is alleged, by Lorne Walley, is dead, and Walley may be tried for manslaughter.

This year the C. P. R. coal handling plant at Port William has taken from 100 to 150 hundred thousand tons of coal, and the C. N. R. over two hundred thousand tons at Port Arthur.

F. T. McGuigan, manager of the G. H. R., stated at Montreal the other day that for some time prior to the accident in the St. Clair tunnel the company had been considering using electricity as a motor power in that part of the system.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine's naval militia scheme provides for the acquisition of three training vessels from the British Government. One will be located in the Maritime Provinces, the second on the upper lakes, and the third in British Columbia waters.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The Times blames the Admiralty for allowing a torpedo boat to be taken away by Russian agents.

Edgar Speyer of New York gave a check for \$28,500 to the losers in a broken bank discovered in an automobile tour, in England.

It was announced in London that a royal commission will be appointed to inquire into the differences between the Free Church of Scotland and the United Presbyterian Church.

The congregation of the University of Oxford negated by a vote of 200 to 164 a proposal to exempt candidates for mathematical and natural science honors from the compulsory study of Greek, and permit as an alternative subject either French or German.

### UNITED STATES.

Over 150 passengers were injured in a Missouri Pacific smashup near Holden, Mo., on Dec. 5.

The seven branches of the Presbyterian Church in the United States are considering a scheme of federation.

Twenty years ago George McCarran, of Orrville, Ohio, attached an aluminum tag to a crow's neck. The tag has just been forwarded to his son by a farmer boy who shot the crow last week.

Owing to the winter shortage caused by the continuing drought in the Connelville, Pa., coke region, six large plants, aggregating 2,500 ovens, are shut down, and a number of other plants are crippled.

John Bateman of Brooklyn was killed and several others were injured by an iron beam which fell from the roof of the Park building, New York, into the midst of a throng of persons passing through Nassau street.

Father Alfred Carby and Brother Bernard, Benedictine monks of the Church of England, arrived in Boston. Father Alfred's purpose in coming to America was to look over the field with a view to establishing an American branch of the order almost immediately.

The survey for the Chicago & Grand Trunk's mammoth car shops at the Erie Creek, Mich., has been begun. The building sites will be staked out at once and construction will follow in the spring. The buildings will be the most modern designable and will necessitate an expenditure of \$1,500,000.

Henry A. Wise, assistant superintendent of the Baltimore Public schools has aroused the indignation of Baltimore teachers by discouraging young men seeking wives among the school teachers of the city. He said, "She is the last person in the world to marry. Every woman teacher becomes domineering and imperialistic. It is even so with the woman."

### GENERAL.

The rumor that Russia is concentrating troops on the Afghan frontier is denied.

Italy has accepted the invitation of the American Government to conclude an arbitration treaty.

The German Reichstag asked the Government to protect retailers against great departmental stores.

It is reported that the world's visible supply of rubber has fallen from 4,000 or 5,000 tons to 1,000 tons, and a famine is predicted.

The municipal Council of Paris, acting upon the report of Councillor Roger Lambelin, has authorized the concession of a plot of ground situated on the border of the Champs de Mars for the site of the American National Institute.

French Minister of Justice Valle has appointed a commission of the most prominent jurists, Senators, deputies and academicians to revise the civil code. This will be the first comprehensive revision of the code since Napoleon promulgated it in 1804.



## A REMARKABLE FIGURE

CHINA'S DOWAGER EMPRESS IS OVER 70 YEARS OLD.

She Was Born in Poverty and Became an Emperor's Wife at 16.

The most remarkable figure in all Asia since the death of that sturdy old Afghan the Emperor Abdurhaman Khan is the famous Empress Tsi An, who has been well called "the only man in China," and who has just celebrated her 70th birthday.

Her origin wrapped in mystery, her position anomalous and illegal under the Salic Constitution of China, her methods open to criticism, though never to investigation, this truly marvelous old woman has for thirty-three years played a winning game against mighty foreign Powers, not to mention home opposition. Her life has been like a play, with the curtain not yet rung down, and not once has she surrendered the part of leading lady.

She has risen from the picture-book to the picture-gallery. Born into abject poverty somewhere in the west of China in 1834, she was the daughter, some say, of a hawker, others, of an impoverished Manchurian nobleman. He sold her old childhood to a rather ambitious General, and, paid slave, she adopted her daughter, the young artist, and, with the aid of her own artistic accomplishments with eagerness, this Becky Sharp of royalty began early to "be her own mamma."

### THE DRAMATIC POINT

of her career was when, in 1850, in company with other young girls, she stood on her big feet, which had never been bound then or since, at the portals of the imperial palace, whence the Emperor Hsien Feng had issued a proclamation for secondary wives. An ambitious slip of a girl, she had insisted on the adventure.

She was one of the ten aspirants chosen. Between the more secondary wishful and actual empresses, a great gulf yawns. She bridged this with beauty, brains and the birth of a son. Emperor, Empresses, superior and inferior nobles—all passed under her almost hypnotic influence, all under her compulsion taught her statecraft. Her first important interference was in the problems of national policy following the capture, in 1860, of Peking by the French and English.

Then Tsi An began to enjoy the intoxication of power. Coincident or not, the aged Emperor died almost as soon as his young wife began to "find herself." Male regents were, of course, appointed by his will for their infant son. Tsi An having other plans, the court and country were stunned a few days after the imperial funeral by the appearance of an edict, supposed to represent the mature deliberations of the little four-year-old monarch, which appointed his mother and the imperial Empress as regents. Upon their protesting the luckless male regents were graciously permitted to hang themselves, while the public executioner cut off the head of the Secretary of State. Tsi An then openly took

### THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT.

Under her administration the Empire was safely conducted through the Taiping rebellion, as well as a series of other insurrectionary crises, which included the Mohammedan rebellion in Yunnan, that of Ya'ub Beg in Kashgar, all of them actual national dangers. The quarrel with Japan in 1874 was adroitly smoothed over without a rupture of relations.

When Tsi An's son, Tung-chih—a weak incapable—ascended the throne and manifested some absurd notions about doing his own ruling, his determined parent set aside his decrees. Soon the young Emperor, Tung-chih, "mounted to heaven," some have whispered, assisted—and in January, 1875, the Empress, calmly ignoring the laws of succession, had her baby nephew, Kwang-su, snatched from his bed on a bitter winter night, carried to the palace and proclaimed Emperor.

Nevertheless, Tsi An's kaleidoscopic character has its bright lights. Not long ago, when there was a famine in one part of her empire, she had it published in the Peking Gazette that she could not bear to eat expensive viands while her people were starving, and that she had cut off her allowance of fresh pork for a week. Recently she issued a most edifying proclamation denouncing that very "graff" by which she has amassed her personal fortune. It was either kindness or grim, Gilbertian sense of humor which, in January, 1900, the embassies were besieged and the fate of the European inmates seemed sealed, make courteous inquiries after the health of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and send them fresh vegetables and flour for their support in the intervals of the onslaughts.

One of her latest actions was the recognition of the seventh birthday of Wu Tieg-fang, by granting him permission to ride his horse within

### THE PALACE PRECINCTS.

And now, in her seventies, this cleverest woman is becoming—not conservative, but progressive. She has given receptions to the ladies of the Diplomatic Corps—an innovation; she has shattered precedent by holding audiences in the morning, instead of the Forbidden City, which women are prohibited entering. Things foreign are being introduced with her sanction. Now she is making great favorites, and indeed, counselors, of two charming girls, half American by birth, wholly Parisian by education—the Misses Nellie and Lizzie Yu Keng, the pretty daughters of the late Minister to Paris. One day, so the story goes, the suspicious-natured Empress asked one of these girls, who, of course, are thoroughly conversant with the French language, to translate a French state document whose alleged translation by a member of

the Chinese Foreign Office had been handed her.

Needless to say, she found the two versions were different. Since then the Misses Yu Keng have been the pets of the palace, where they have taken on their independent, aristocratic, apparently, of their capricious royal mistresses, of whom, after an interview some one said:

"People who have seen her eyes raised talk of their marvelous quickness, people who have seen her smile talk of the smile's coldness, and who have conversed with her speak of the furious anger of her expression as she reprimands an attendant, succeeded instantaneously by the utmost urbanity as she addresses a guest."

### BRITISH AGENT A CAPTIVE.

No Afghan Visits the Agency in Kabul.

Owing to the fact that she has been engaged uninterruptedly for eight years in medical work in Afghanistan Mrs. K. Daly, who was appointed medical officer to the Afghan Government, and physician to the Queen of the country, has had exceptional opportunities for studying affairs in that quarter.

Concerning life in the harem and the court, Mrs. Daly said that next to the Amir himself the chief political factor in the country is the royal wife of the Amir, who is known as the Queen. She is about forty years of age, of considerable beauty, and particularly intelligent and well-informed. She is virtually a prisoner in her palace, which is regarded with almost as much suspicion as the British Agency, owing to her pronounced British sympathies. The Amir's wives and other royal ladies do not live in the voluptuous and idle state usually associated with a harem. They take a great interest in knitting, embroidery, and other feminine pursuits, and the chief wife has a sewing machine, with which she makes her children's clothes. One of the Amir's wives, who is of royal birth, wears English dresses of the latest fashion—about thirty years ago.

An atmosphere of espionage pervades Kabul, says Mrs. Daly. The natives are extremely suspicious, and to be seen speaking to any of the staff of the British Agent (who is virtually a prisoner), means instant banishment. No Afghan is allowed to visit the Agency.

Russian influence, says Mrs. Daly, is not much in evidence at Kabul. The court and the common people are anti-Russian, and the latter favor a closer connection with the British.

It was generally believed last year that there was a Russian emissary in Kabul, says Mrs. Daly, "and soon after the Amir came to the throne presents of Russian guns and ammunition were refused by the Afghan Government. From my own knowledge and observation I should say that the Russian advances meet with no favorable response from the Amir or his advisers."

### DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND.

Curate of An English Church Talks of Gossiping.

"Afternoon tea," is condemned as the playground of the devil, and gossip is variously defined as an infectious disease, moral murder, and eternal suicide by the Rev. H. de Treveloe, curate-in-charge of Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, Surrey, England.

The fact that Mr. de Treveloe has been a victim of tale-bearing was briefly stated when his acceptance of an apology from a Surbiton lady for a slander was reported.

Mr. de Treveloe, who has resigned his position after a year's service in the village, preached a striking sermon on Sunday from the text:

"And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house and not only idle, but tattlers also, and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not." (I Timothy v. 13.)

"That text," he said, can be summed up in the words "Gossiping." "The chief offenders in this respect are women. In every parish there are a number of persons who, having nothing to do, spend their time in tattling about their neighbors. They are busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not to speak about."

"Gossip is a specific, moral and spiritual disease. It is also an infectious disease, and its chief place is that pernicious institution, afternoon tea, where idle women chiefly collect for nothing else but gossip."

"That institution may be said to be a special playground of the devil. It is there that parochial scandal is heard and nourished, characters lightly taken away, motives falsely criticized and damned; and our fair friends go home and relate to their husbands, as before their young children the tit-bits of their delightful intercourse."

"Not the least of the evils lies in the fact that young girls now accompany their elders to afternoon tea, and at a comparatively early age are initiated into the joys of 'moral murder.'"

"Men also are apt to beguile the time by gossip in the railway carriages going to and from business."

"Lastly, gossip is eternal suicide. Am I exaggerating? Not a bit. These truths are not mine. They are Divine decrees."

"Therefore, you people of Claygate, learn to avoid gossip, wandering from house to house; learn not to be more tattlers and busy-bodies, lest a great and lasting evil may come upon you some day."

"So you want me marry my daughter?" remarked the old gentleman.

"I certainly do," replied the youth.

"Well, what are your prospects?" persisted the old gentleman.

"My dear sir," replied the youth, "the prospects of any fellow who marries the daughter of a man as rich and influential as you ought to be splendid."

## JOHN BULL AS A ROBBER

STEALS FROM HIS SUBJECTS RIGHT AND LEFT.

Stole the Torpedo Idea—Big Profit Out of Confiscated Goods.

A striking instance of the celebrity with which John Bull snags up ideas is shown in connection with the torpedo. This destructive engine of warfare was invented in 1797 in England by a man whose name has been forgotten. But the credit of having invented the torpedo as we know it to-day must go to the late Mr. G. A. Henty, the famous novelist.

During the siege of Sebastopol a number of Russian men-of-war lay between the British fleet and the line of forts upon which the ineffective fire was directed, and it was imperative that the intervening Russian vessels should be removed. For this purpose Mr. Henty, who was attached to our commissariat department, invented a torpedo capable of traveling under and designed to explode on contact with the enemy's hulls.

The machine was not very successful, but Great Britain, recognizing its utility immediately, and cribbed the idea, without as much as "By your leave," Sir Francis Ronalds laid down in his garden at the Upper Mall, Hammersmith, the first practical telegraph. He made his first experiments with a frictional electrical machine through eight miles of overhead wires suspended upon poles. At each wire of the system a fifth path battery, and at the two stations were dials revolved simultaneously by clockwork. By this method whole sentences could be dispatched.

### FROM STATION TO STATION.

Ronalds also laid down an underground telegraph line, and this invention, together with the overhead one, was brought to the notice of the Postmaster General, but the G. P. O. replied that electric telegraphy was not a "necessity," and the snub resulted in Ronalds allowing his discovery to lapse. John Bull pilfered the idea, however, a little later on, with the result that does not need relating.

It is generally believed that Britain cribbed the idea for the reaping machine from America, but, as a matter of fact, it was stolen from the Rev. Patrick Bell, an Irish clergyman.

This gentleman designed the pioneer reaping machine in 1826, and it cut on an average fourteen acres a day. Bell got little or nothing out of his invention, notwithstanding that similar machines were being used all over England a year or two later.

Eight years ago there was much gossip over a new explosive that had been discovered. It was called "Fulnite" and was the invention of Herbert Sawbridge, of Exeter. The War Office was interested in this new gunpowder, which would drive a bullet over four miles.

One day Sawbridge had the misfortune to be blown to pieces by the explosion of some of his glycerine, with which he was working, and the secret of the manufacture of "Fulnite" died with him.

John Bull, after Sawbridge's death, wanted the explosive more than ever, probably because he thought he could get it for nothing. He had Sawbridge's house searched from attic to cellar, and discovered nothing. Sawbridge left no papers describing the invention of "Fulnite," and John Bull was unable to "commander."

### THE NEW EXPLOSIVE.

At one time America grew the world's cotton, now it is grown by Britain. Cotton spinning was first practised in Italy, and finally, India tried her hand at it. At the end of the eighteenth century John Bull took the cotton industry in his own hands. Last year he used up something like 4,000,000 bales, and monopolised seventy per cent. of the world's trade in manufactured cotton.

John Bull stole the idea for lace from a Nottingham laborer, now the lace-making industry employs nearly 50,000 persons. So long ago as 1768 the Nottingham laborer in question was accosted by a stranger as he was working in a field, who explained that he was an Englishman, and that he was starving. The kind-hearted workman took him home to his humble cottage, and gave him board and lodging for a week. The wanderer, when he left his benefactor presented him with a piece of fine lace. The Nottingham man had not seen anything like it before, and he was fully studying the texture and manipulation of the threads, he invented a mode of applying a stocking frame to the manufacture of a similar fabric.

The lace he manufactured was sought for by the richest in the land, and John Bull stole his invention and set up as a lace-maker on his own. The inventor of the lace machine died in poverty, but John Bull made millions of pounds out of the poor fellow's brains.

John Bull is the world's champion pickpocket, and he confiscates property belonging to his subjects to the extent of over \$10,000 annually. And he not only steals to that extent, but

### HE SELLS THEM AGAIN!

Up in the north-eastern firths of Scotland, over a fishing smack, do not at all approve of John Bull, for he is constantly catching them trawling in forbidden waters, and taking possession of their nets and other fishing tackle. As the nets are worth from \$30 to \$100 each, John Bull makes a very good thing indeed out of his looting. Of course he doesn't keep the nets himself, but sells them with the other things he steals at the Government Sale of Confiscated Property," held every year end.

The poachers that are caught red-handed every year are so numerous that Scotland Ybird could not state the right number off-hand. When a

poacher who carries a gun is captured, the State takes possession of the firearm, and stores it temporarily in its vast warehouse. Last year over 2,000 guns so pilfered were sold at the Government auction rooms, and they fetched \$6,500.

Bicycles are confiscated by John Bull to the number of seventy to one hundred yearly. They belong to various breeds of thieves mostly, and when caught committing an offence with the aid of the machines, they are confiscated. The majority of the bicycles belong to farmyard thieves, for chicken stealers frequently use them in their illegal business. As a farmer John Bull makes an annual profit of something like \$1,000,000. He owns about 6,000,000 acres of arable land, 5,000,000 acres being grass land and heath, and the remaining 1,000,000 acres crop land.

The best part of this ground has been pilfered by him in various ways during recent years. A lot of it at one time belonged to notorious convicts, and John Bull, when he sent them to prison, took possession of their land and kindly farmed it for them, not forgetting to put the profit in his own pockets.

John Bull has over 2,000 acres of fruit orchards, and these he leases to tenants. His shooting moors bring in \$200,000 a year, and he "commander" most of them.—Pearson's Weekly.

## TIPS OF LONDON WAITERS

SOME NEAT FORTUNES HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATED.

### One Head Waiter Is Now a Country Gentleman Down in Sussex.

The opening of a "no tip" restaurant in London, England, has led hotel proprietors to consider following the example. Inquiry is made as to what sum would satisfy the employees who have hitherto depended upon gratuities, and it is added that if an agreement for the substitution of wages for tips is reached, the employees will be expected to refuse all tips.

It is argued that the public alone are responsible for the tipping system, and as an instance of how hard it is to suppress the habit the experience of the new restaurant is significant.

Many patrons of the cafe are unable to resist the instinctive desire to reward the waiters' attention to their wants. Despite the announcement that all gratuities will be appropriated by the management, nearly \$25 was given in tips during the first week.

### NOW COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

Down in Sussex there lives a gentleman whose generosity and public spirit have endeared him to the countryside. He gives large shooting parties, and his motor-car carries his horses are all thoroughbreds. He retired from the headwaitership of one of the best-known restaurants in Regent street, London, seven or eight years ago after the death of the proprietor.

In those days he used to "take" between \$250 and \$360 a week as tips.

In one of Messrs. Lyon's establishments where tipping is permitted the waiters can earn—including a commission on sales paid by the firm—from \$20 to \$25 a week, while in isolated instances twice as much is taken every week.

At a well-known chop-house in the city, where customers pay their bills through the head waiter, the tips are "pooled," and divided on a scale of position the head waiter makes an income of \$4,000 a year.

### POOLING SYSTEM.

The "pooling" system is the one most generally adopted, and seems to be the fairest method.

"Some waiters may have few customers at their tables," explained Mr. Pruger, the manager of the Savoy Hotel, "and it is only when the tips show waiter's pocket and afterwards divided, consideration being given to a man's position and length of service."

"The habit of tipping has grown upon people," said Mr. Pruger, "and like all other habits, it will die hard, if it ever dies at all."

"Of course, the new waiter is in the hands of customers. If they do not want to tip waiters they need not, and there is an end of it all at once."

"The system has developed extensively, but is not so tyrannical in London as in one continental town, where omnibus passengers are expected to give a gratuity to the man from whom they buy their tickets."

### WAITERS PAY TO SERVE.

Something like consternation is felt at the discussion of the question by the manager of a certain west end restaurant, where the waiter's pay for the privilege of serving:

"It is not that the practice of tipping is likely ever to die out," he said, "but customers who are of a saving turn of mind will limit their gratuities. A shilling will become sixpence, and sixpence will be replaced by a three-penny bit."

"Then waiters will begin to complain. They will want fresh terms, and that," he admitted candidly, "must result in reduced profits for my proprietors."

The opinion of the waiters themselves seems pretty evenly divided. Some, who do not appear to have been over generously dealt with by customers, declare emphatically for a regular weekly salary; others believe that tips are much more lucrative.

She—"Has your friend long been bald? He looks so young!" He—"Oh, that's because he was born so." "But the time he was bald?" "The poor thing!"

Bookkeeper—"I would like a little more salary, sir. I'm married now, and—" Employer—"And need the increase for your family?" Bookkeeper—"No, sir; for myself. You see, my wife knows just what I'm getting now."

## BIG FAMILIES OF QUEBEC

EVIDENCES OF ASTONISHING BIRTH RATE.

Grants Have Been Given to 2,437 Fathers of Twelve Children or More.

The remarkable fecundity of the French Canadian population of the Province of Quebec is illustrated in official statistics in the public offices of the Provincial Government here, writes a Quebec correspondent of the New York Sun.

Instance, that up to the present time no fewer than 8,437 applications have been made for the state reward of free grants of land for fruitfulness in the marriage state.

The rewards were provided for by an act adopted by the Legislature of Quebec some fifteen years ago, when the late Count Mercier was Prime Minister of the Province. The legislation was prompted by a desire to enlarge the sphere of French Canadian influence in North America by encouraging large families of children, and was largely based upon the law passed in the early years of New France by the great French Minister of State, Colbert.

As the law now stands, the Government of the Province records a grant of a hundred acres of land to every father and mother of twelve or more living children, and as already stated, more than 3,400 married couples have already applied for the legislative prize.

Some interesting experiences are recorded by the officers to whom these applications are made. In the country districts of French Canada, the curate or parish priest, is entitled to a tithe of all the farmer's products, which tithe has been fixed at the

### ONE-TWENTY-SIXTH PART

of the whole. And so in some instances he has had offered to him twenty-sixth child, whose education has not infrequently been provided for at his expense.

One applicant, who produced the birth certificate of thirteen children, could not obtain the grant because only eight of the number were living. In a few months he returned and successfully renewed the application, having in the meantime married a widow with six living children.

Owing to the high death rate among the children of French Canadian families, the figures shown in the public statistics fail to convey any idea of the birth rate in the Province of Quebec. But for the heavy infantile mortality in this element of Canada's population, the number of claimants for the Government's land prize would probably be three times as many as it actually is.

In the poorer classes of the community the mothers—active, strong and industrious, as they almost invariably are—are so overburdened by maternal cares and the rapidity with which one child succeeds another, that the little ones are necessarily deprived of the closer watchfulness and attention which wards off infantile disease, and which is so much more readily forthcoming in the cases of smaller families and of those who can afford to pay for a proper supply of nurses and attendants.

French Canadian mothers' responsibilities and duties are not infrequently added to by the birth of twins or triplets.

Large as is the number of applicants for the state bounty of land, it falls far short of that which would be forthcoming provided that all who are entitled thereto duly claim, for the little ones are comparatively small proportion of those who rejoice in a family of a dozen or more children take the trouble to make the fact known to the Government, since to dwellers in cities and towns a hundred acres of wild land would be

### RATHER AN ENCUMBRANCE

One father of a large family withdrew his application when told that it was necessary to produce a certificate of marriage.

Not infrequently has the demand for a double or triple allowance of land been refused, on the ground of four or thirty-six living children, as the case may be.

So rapid is the increase of the French Canadian population of the Dominion that these people have left their English speaking fellow countrymen in a hopeless minority, and in what were a few years ago the almost exclusively English speaking eastern townships of this Province, and they constitute now a majority of the population of several counties of eastern Ontario, and have very large and promising settlements in western Ontario, Manitoba, and in the Northwest Territories.

The enormous birth rate must not be attributed solely to the simple manner of living that marks the majority of the population. Early marriages are the rule, dictated largely by the wonderfully early development of the people.

The rapid growth of vegetation in the short but hot Canadian spring and summer finds its counterpart in the early maturity of the youth of the land. Many French Canadian girls at 14 and 15 years of age are fully developed specimens of womanhood, though English or American girls of 19 or 20.

The duty of fruitfulness by the marriage state is urged by the French Canadian clergy, and is popularly believed to be proved by the rearing of large families of children.

"Yes, I have seen the day when Mr. Rich, the millionaire, did not have a pair of shoes to cover his feet." "And when was that, pray?" "At the time he was balding."

Clerk—"I would like a small increase in my salary, sir." Merchant—"I don't see my way clear to that, but I can do the same thing in another way. You know that time is money?" "Yes, sir." "Well, then, you can work until six, instead of leaving at five."

## SMALL GERMAN INCOMES

THRIFT AND PLAIN LIVING IS THE RULE.

Life Is on a Plain Scale Than Prevails in America or England.

Alfred Sidgwick contributes to a recent number of the Critic an interesting paper on the cost of living in Germany. The paper is one of a series on the relative expense of living in America or in Europe. Speaking of the slender incomes which seem to be the rule in Germany Mr. Sidgwick says:

"A German lady told me the other day that when she was at home last year she wished to buy a dressing bag with silver fittings, for a wedding present. She was in one of the wealthiest towns in Germany, and she went to one of the best shops in the town, but she could not get what she wanted. No one had ever asked for anything better than plated fittings. It was necessary to go to what Germans call an 'English' shop, where imported goods are sold at prohibitive prices. The small number of people who have money to buy them."

### LIFE ON PLAIN SCALE.

"Where nearly everyone is what the Americans and English call 'poor' life is necessarily on a plain scale than in America or England. A well-to-do German economist divides his country people according to income, into four groups. He reckons that only 250,000 families, 'the aristocratic and well-to-do,' have more than \$2,250 a year. The 'middle class,' in which he places 2,700,000 families, have incomes ranging from \$772 to \$2,250. To the lower middle class he assigns \$450 to \$775, and, lastly, he reckons that there are more than five million families who never rise above \$225 a year. The headmaster of a high class public school only gets from \$1,250 to \$1,500 a year, with a house and free education for his children. A major in an infantry regiment gets from \$1,000 to \$1,250. Forty pounds is a common salary for a clerk, even in an expensive city like Hamburg, but young men somehow keep life together on it."

### EDUCATE THEIR SONS.

"A friend of mine, whose father was a Lutheran pastor in Rügen, left the impression on my mind that her parents at \$500 a year, brought up a large family and gave their sons a university education. When I enquired further she explained that a pastor in the country is often something of a farmer, too, and lives more or less, on the produce of his fields, and that if a young man gives a few lessons and finds admission to a 'free' dinner table, he need not cost his parents much while he is leading a student degree. For this purpose the article I made some enquiries of another friend whose brother is in business in a small town on the Rhine, and who has a house and garden, bought of his savings, a wife, a child and a servant. I expected to hear that he spent \$2,000 and that his wife would be no use to him. But I found that he had never made more than \$750 a year, and had never lived up to his income."

### TYPICAL INCOMES.

"The fact is that the Germans, like the French, perform prodigies of thrift. Of course, the way of life and the expenses of life, vary a great deal. They vary with place, with profession, and above all, with character, for this would be no use. But it was necessary to take the low average of income into account before deciding on the sum spent by our typical family. Obviously, the \$5,000 a year spent by two people in England was too high for a country where the man must be a major-general before he receives \$3,000 a year. I think the German family should consist of the parents and three children, a daughter of 16 and two boys still at school, and their income must not exceed \$2,500 a year. Out of this the man, if he is prudent, must put by \$150 a year, either for investment or for a life insurance."

### ONLY LADY MASON.

Story of the Irish Girl Who Hid in a Room.

The old story of the first and only lady Freemason is a familiar one, though no official records exist of this historical and unique incident. The lady in question was Elizabeth St. Leger, a daughter of Arthur St. Vincent Donnell, a gentleman of the name of a room in a lodge meeting was held. Attempting to make her escape, she was stopped by the guard at the door. After an anxious discussion, and it is said, by the intervention of two brothers, her own brother, M.P., the latter of whom afterwards married her, it was decided to make her pass through the same solemn ceremony which she had witnessed. The date of her initiation is uncertain, though it must have taken place before 1744, as her year name appears on the list of subscribers to a Masonic work. She would then have been in her thirtieth year.

She lived to the ripe age of eighty, dying in 1775, a year before her husband.

Her remains lie in the crypt of the present cathedral of St. Finbar's, Cork, transferred thence from the old cathedral, and the stone slab is to be seen on the floor of the little chamber situated at the top of the great tower. Her apron is still preserved at Newmarket House, County Cork.

### DON'T BE SILLY.

She—"Are you sure you love me for myself alone?" "Yes, sir." "Well, then, you can work until six, instead of thinking I love you for your money?"



## Notes and Comments.

The proceedings in the new famous bogus ballot case before Mr. A. P. Wood on Friday and Saturday last were rather unimportant. Hon. Geo. P. Graham was in the witness box, and denied all knowledge of the plot. Geo. Weese, of Bancroft, was also a witness, and contradicted much of the evidence given previously by Mr. Bremner. Mr. P. A. Lott also gave some additional evidence, further implicating his brother, B. O. Lott. It is expected that the preliminary examination will close on Friday or Saturday of this week. When the name of B. O. Lott was called in the Police Magistrate's court on Friday he did not appear, and it is not known where he is, but most likely across the lines.

F. J. Reilly, T. E. Whalen, and Edward G. Ruttan were committed for trial at Belleville on Friday in connection with the ballot-boxes. County Judge Lazier accepted bail as follows: Reilly \$2,000 cash, \$2,000 personal bond; Whalen \$1,000 cash and \$1,000 personal bond; Ruttan \$2,000 personal bond, \$2,000 his father's bond. All are to appear at the next General Sessions.

By reports from different parts of the Province it is learned that in many places there is great scarcity of water, and already farmers in various sections are complaining of a water famine. During the whole month of November there was only a fraction of an inch of rainfall over this Province, and in some places not a drop fell. As the ground is now frozen, and every prospect of steady winter weather, the supply of water for stock as well as for domestic purposes is becoming a serious question both for farmers and residents in towns and villages.

At a well attended meeting of the executive of the Dominion Alliance held in Toronto on Friday afternoon last, the action of the recent Liberal Convention regarding the temperance question was considered, and a manifesto to the electors was issued. The document starts out with a recital of promises and pledges received by the temperance people from successive premiers in Ontario; gives a short history of the fate of the resolutions that were presented to the recent convention, remarking that two cabinet ministers opposed the vital clause in the one submitted by the committee on resolutions, the result being that it was defeated, and proceeds: "This executive regrets that after careful and serious consideration it is forced to the conclusion that the rejection by the convention of this resolution dispels all hope that any have been entertained that this administration would endeavor to redeem the pledges quoted. We regret also that not only did the Premier and Mr. Gibson take no part in supporting this resolution, but they acquiesced in its defeat, and the Premier stated to the convention that he was delighted with the convention's decision upon the temperance question. The Alliance views the situation with the deepest regret and disappointment. The government trifled with the great temperance question; has been unfaithful to the pledges and promises of its successive premiers, and has by its record and recent course on this important issue in provincial politics, forfeited all claim to the support of the electors, who put temperance principles above partisanship in political affairs."

The manifesto concludes by urging all temperance people in the province to do everything in their power to elect men independent of party who will work for temperance legislation.

The Toronto News, commenting on the manifesto issued by the Dominion Alliance executive says:

"The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance declares that the Ontario Government has trifled with the temperance question, has broken the pledges of successive Premiers, and has forfeited all claim to the support of electors who put temperance above partisanship. A history of the plebiscite, referendum, and other devices for staving off the dreaded decision is given. In the plebiscite of 1894 there were 192,499 votes for, and 110,720 against prohibition. In the referendum of 1902 there were 199,740 votes for, and 108,548 against closing the bars. Pledges by Sir Oliver Mowat, Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Ross are quoted. The prohibitionists will now be denounced in party circles as extremists. But their opinions are just the same now as they were in 1894, or in 1902. If the Government never intended to give them prohibition, why did it not say so, as Sir John Thompson did? Sir John saved himself a world of trouble by his frankness."

## Peat Manufacture.

The fuel question in Canada is one that goes home to the "business and bosom" of everybody. As Quebec and Ontario produce no coal, they are the more interested in knowing whether they have wherewith they can make coal. Mr. J. C. Morrison, a Chicago engineer, has announced that after four years experimenting he has solved the problem of manufacturing from peat a fuel that will rank with the best grades of anthracite coal, at a cost of ninety cents per ton. In all the provinces of the Dominion there are immense deposits of peat which, if they can be made to produce a marketable fuel anywhere near as good as coal, would make Canadians independent of the coal

barons of the United States, who now make us pay what they like for an article we cannot do without. Many attempts have been made to utilize peat as fuel with little success. The two great difficulties that had to be overcome were the removal of moisture and the putting of peat in a shape to be easily handled and transported without crumbling. Mr. Morrison's device includes a centrifugal separator to eliminate the moisture, a dryer to complete the process, and a compressor, which forms the peat into solid blocks of a handy size for shipment. The advantages claimed for this fuel is that it leaves little ashes, or waste through smoke and escaping gases, as in the case of coal. This asserted reduction in smoke would in itself be an unspeakable boon to manufacturing. We are assured, too, that the new product forms no clinkers and, weight for weight, the heat caused by its combustion is ten percent greater than that obtained from coal. If all this is true, there are large fortunes awaiting the manufacturers of peat fuel in Canada.

Mr. Alexander Dobson, whose works at Beaverton turned out one thousand tons of peat last year, announces his intention to erect another factory similar to the Beaverton one, but of double the capacity, at Caledonia Springs, between Montreal and Ottawa, on an extensive peat bog reported to be of excellent quality. He considers such a step necessary at the present stage of the industry in order mainly to prove the success of his machines and process on a larger scale and on a different bog. This work will be greatly appreciated by all interested in the peat fuel industry, as helping to solve several unanswered questions covering the operation of a much larger plant than the one or two press factories now in existence.—Witness.

## Village Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the village council was held in the Council chamber on Monday evening last. Members all present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were presented, and on motion ordered to be paid: J. J. Gould, teaming ..... \$26.25 Henry Warren & Son, supplies ..... 14.79 News-Argus, printing ..... 4.40 O. Vandervoort, for stone ..... 2.50 L. Meiklejohn, wood for Mrs. Smith ..... 4.00 L. Meiklejohn, 12 bolts ..... .60 Jas. McCann, board for Mrs. McGowan to Dec. 1 ..... 18.00 Robert Fletcher, teaming ..... 8.00 David Martin, supplies ..... 6.80 Robt. Eggleton, work on engine house ..... 1.00 Jesse Charles, work on vault ..... .65 D. Martin, commission of taxes ..... 2.20 W. B. Gould, work on streets ..... 86.25 A. Cowie, work on streets ..... 1.50 S. Bowen, " " " " ..... 5.25 Alex. Conley, work on streets ..... 7.45 H. Barrow, work on streets ..... 12.00

A communication was read from Bloomfield respecting lamps. Moved by Mr. Meiklejohn, seconded by Dr. Zwick, that we offer the hanging lamps to Bloomfield for \$15 each. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hough, seconded by Dr. Zwick, that the Graham note be paid. Carried.

Mr. Hough's account for work as inspector of streets, amounting to \$116 was read and passed, on motion of Dr. Zwick, seconded by Mr. Meiklejohn.

Moved by Dr. Zwick, seconded by Mr. Meiklejohn, that Miss Sarah Knox be granted the sum of \$5.00 to assist in bearing the losses she sustained through an accident. Carried.

The Reeve was instructed to arrange with the Guarantee Co. to renew the Treasurer's bonds for two months so as to cover the time for auditing accounts and electing new Treasurer. Council adjourned.

## Wellman's Corners

Rev. Mr. Balfour preached anniversary services at Salem on Sunday last, and Rev. Mr. Weatherall preached at Wellman's in his stead.

Mr. Norris Hogle and another man were cutting wood on Mrs. Wm. Hogle's place one day last week, when in some manner his companion accidentally struck Mr. Hogle's hand with his axe, inflicting an ugly cut. Dr. Sargent dressed the wound, and it is thought he will get along all right, though he will likely be laid up for some time.

Mrs. Joseph Hogle still lingers, but her friends think the end cannot be far off.

Mr. McDonald has resigned his school here, and intends to take a medical course at Queen's College. Everyone regrets his going very much, as he is a good teacher and very popular. The trustees have not as yet secured a successor.

Miss Maggie Milne has also resigned her school. She has taught on the 7th line for the last three years, and the people regret her going, but cannot keep her against her will. We don't know what situation she is going to take, but will likely hear in the near future.

Mr. Wm. Jackman and wife leave here this week, to reside in Stirling.

Mrs. B. Cameron and family will remove on Saturday to Toronto, and will join Mr. Cameron, who has already been in the city for some time.

Our cheese factory closed operations for the season a week ago. The meeting of the stockholders has not yet taken place, but it is an understood thing that the patrons will not realize as much as they did last year, the price of cheese being so low.

The deerhunters have returned laden with venison. "Some have shot it. Some have bought it. What's the diff? So they have got it."

It is reported that the Japanese lost 15,000 during December 1 in attacking Port Arthur.

A local option by-law will be voted on in the township of Smith, Peterborough county, at the time of holding the municipal election in January.

## Discretion a Failure.

"I was at the husking bee one day. Great fun."  
"Find a red ear?"  
"Yes."  
"Kiss the prettiest girl?"  
"Nope. Didn't dare. All the pretty girls were engaged to husky farmers."  
"What did you do?"  
"Kissed the homeliest girl."  
"Did that give satisfaction?"  
"Not a bit of it. Each of the husky farmers felt that I had personally snubbed his best girl."

## More Likely to Get It.

Nocash—Wonder where I can borrow some money?  
Hardupp—What do you want it for?  
"Oh, I've got a sure thing in the fifth race tomorrow."  
"You don't want money; you want to borrow trouble."

## Musical Taste.

"Say, pal!"  
"Well, what?"  
"Why does that man in the band run the trombone down his throat?"  
"I suppose it is because he has a taste for music."

## Interpreted.

"She told me," said the young man who had consulted a fortune teller, "that I was born to command."  
"Well, well," exclaimed Henpeck, "she means, then, that you will never be married."

One-half of our life is spent in making experiments; the other half in regretting them.

It is better for a young man to blush than to turn pale.—Cicero.

## SEE OUR

## Xmas Display of CHINA

BERRY SETS, BREAD and BUTTER PLATES, CAKE PLATES, SALAD DISHES, CHINA CUPS and SAUCERS, CUT GLASS LEMON-ADE SETS, CHEESE DISHES, JARDINIERES, and BREAD and MILK SETS.

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## LOVE.

Love is kindly and deceitless.—Yeats.

Love can sun the realms of night.—Schiller.

Love's a thing that's never out of season.—Barry Cornwall.

They do not love that do not show their love.—Shakespeare.

He that shuts out love in turn shall be shut out by love.—Tennyson.

The greatest miracle of love is the cure of coquetry.—La Rochefoucauld.

Love is master of the wisest; it is only fools that defy him.—Thackeray.

Love never dies of starvation, but often of indigestion.—Ninonde l'Enclos.

The magic of first love is the ignorance that it can ever end.—Beaconsfield.

Man's love is of man's life a thing apart; 'tis woman's whole existence.—Byron.

It is impossible to love a second time when we have once really ceased to love.—La Rochefoucauld.

## Everyday Swindlers.

"There it goes again," said the trolley conductor as he rang the bell to let off a passenger who had only ridden for a square.

"You'd be astonished," continued the knight of the bell strap, "to know how many people try to beat the trolley for a free ride when they want to make a call a square or two away from home."

"They had to get on the car, wait till it had started and then want to know if the car doesn't go to some place which they know it doesn't come within a mile of. In this way they get their ride for nothing and go on their way in the belief that they have fooled the conductor."

The St. Louis World's Fair closed at midnight on Dec. 1st. The estimated cost, including exhibits, is about \$90,000,000. The receipts will meet all expenses, so it is reported.

## An Emergency Medicine.

For sprains, bruises, burns, scalds and similar injuries, there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It soothes the wound and not only gives instant relief from pain, but causes the parts to heal in about one third the time required by the usual treatment. As it is an antiseptic all danger from blood poisoning is avoided. Sold by Morton & Haigh.

## CHRISTMAS BUYING.

Only 14 buying days until Xmas and the last eight of these days will find the store inevitably crowded—leaving about 6 days for that leisure selection which is desired by careful buyers—a great many people are already taking advantage of this opportunity.

The present condition of our store affords a wide selection of gift articles suitable for the Holidays.

## December Sale of Carpets.

Our December Sale of Carpets has now well begun and you will find here a chance to furnish your home with high-class Carpets at most exceptional prices. These prices are well worth attention from those desiring good floor coverings. Come and see.

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TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TON-  
TO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling  
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The Dental Engine, Vitalized Air, Gas, and  
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**The Man Ahead.**  
The Dominion City (Man) Echo says:  
"In every paper we pick up we're sure  
to find a lot of gush about the man who  
is behind. There is the man behind the  
counter and the man behind the gun,  
the man behind the buzz-saw, and the  
man behind his son, the man behind in  
rent, the man behind the times, the  
man behind the plow shares, and the  
man behind the fence, and the man be-  
hind the whistle, and the man behind  
the bars, and the man behind the  
kodak, and the man behind his fists, and  
every-thing behind nothing is entered on this  
list. But they've skipped another fel-  
low, of whom nothing has been said—  
the fellow who is even, or a little way  
ahead, who always pays for what he  
gets, whose bill is always signed—he's  
a blame sight more important than the  
man who is behind. All we editors and  
merchants and the whole commercial  
clan are indebted for existence to this  
honest noble man. He keeps us all in  
business, and his town is never dead, so  
I take my hat off to the man who is  
ahead."

The city of Ottawa will be fifty years  
old on the 18th of this month.  
An admirable bulletin on the great  
resources of Canada, by Dr. Chalmers,  
has been issued. It gives the total known  
areas of the Dominion as 87,000 square  
miles, but Dr. Chalmers considers that  
future explorations will show a much  
greater area. The bulletin describes  
the different manufacturing processes  
which are being carried on in the Dominion,  
and the best known deposits.

**DR. MEDICINE CURE.**  
The power of O. R. KIDNEY CURE is  
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per line. Matter set in larger than the or-  
dinary type, 10c. per line.  
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each  
insertion. No insertion less than 2c.

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail & Ex. 8:27 a.m. Passenger 10:17 a.m.  
Passenger 8:42 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8:43 p.m.

## The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 8, 1904.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

The County Council is now in session  
at Belleville.

The stores are now making a fine dis-  
play of Christmas goods.

Warm Footwear cheap at J. W. Brown's.

A light snowfall this morning, the  
first of the season, but hardly enough for  
sleighing.

The Sunday School entertainment of  
the Sidney Baptist Church will be held  
on the evening of December 14th.

An entertainment under the auspices  
of the Epworth League of the Methodist  
Church will be given on Dec. 26th.  
Keep the date in mind.

Go to Brown's for your Hockey Boots.

C. O. F. No. 131, Spring Brook,  
will give an Oyster Supper and Concert  
on the evening of Dec. 20th. James  
Fax, of Toronto, is engaged for the  
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tice, who have  
been residents of Carnduff, Assa., for  
some years, have returned to Ontario.  
Mr. Tice has purchased a farm near  
Brighton.

Buy Slippers for Xmas presents. A  
large assortment at J. W. Brown's.

Don't forget that a handsome Christ-  
mas number will be given to every sub-  
scriber who pays in advance for 1905 on  
or before the 31st of Dec. See adv't in  
another column.

Mrs. Ashton, of Campbellford, will  
address the Epworth League of the  
Methodist Church on Monday evening  
next, in the interest of the Forward  
Movement for Missions.

"Lightning Hitch" Hockey Boots at  
Brown's.

Mr. Samuel Fargey, a notice of whose  
death appears in another column, was a  
highly respected farmer of the town-  
ship of Rawdon. He leaves a wife and  
several children, besides brothers and a  
large circle of relatives and friends to  
mourn his loss.

The services in the Methodist Church  
last Sunday were largely attended, and  
Rev. Wm. Johnston gave two excellent  
discourses in behalf of Missions. The  
collections and subscriptions for the  
Missionary cause were good, and will  
come up to, if not exceed, former years.  
The nomination meeting for County  
Councillors to represent the Fourth  
Division of the County of Hastings, will  
be held at the Town Hall, Marmora  
village, on Monday, the 19th of Decem-  
ber. If a poll is necessary it will be  
held on the 2nd of January, at the same  
time as the municipal elections.

FOUND—On Saturday last, on North  
street, a lady's purse, containing a small  
amount of money. The owner can have  
the same by calling at this office.

The entertainment given by Mr. J.  
W. Bengough in the Music Hall on  
Tuesday evening last was a most suc-  
cessful one in every respect. There was  
a good attendance, and the audience  
was delighted with the many lifelike  
sketches, and the versatile talent and  
wit displayed. He has no equal as an  
artist and entertainer.

Miss M. Ada Dickey, B. A., who has  
done such efficient work as first assist-  
ant teacher in our High School for the  
last two years, has been appointed to  
the staff of the Paris High School, to  
begin on Jan. 3, 1905. Her removal  
from our High School at this time is to  
be regretted, but a higher salary and  
easier work are among the inducements  
offered by the western town.

Letterheads, Noteheads, Billheads,  
Statements, Envelopes, and all office sta-  
tionery printed in good style at News-  
Argus office. A large stock of various  
qualities always on hand. Prices right.

Beecher's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Co.  
showed here on Saturday night last to  
a packed house. The company came  
strongly advertised, and this probably  
accounts for so large an audience. The  
general opinion is they were the poorest  
combination that ever put on this old  
play in this town, and it is quite appar-  
ent they are travelling on their large  
advertising, and intend only visiting a  
place once and forever.

As will be seen by notice elsewhere,  
another of the former residents of Stirling  
has passed away. J. V. Blackley was  
well known to all in this village  
and vicinity, having lived here all his  
life until about two years ago, when he  
went to Toronto to reside. His last  
illness was of short duration, and the  
announcement of his death was a sur-  
prise to all his friends and acquaint-  
ances. His remains were brought here  
for interment, arriving on the afternoon  
train on Monday. He leaves a widow  
and one son, Mr. Frank Blackley, who  
is now on the staff of The Toronto  
World.

## CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Annual Christmas Tree and Enter-  
tainment will be held at Salem Church, on  
Dec. 23rd, at 7 o'clock p.m., under the  
auspices of the Sabbath School. Programme  
to excel all others. Everybody welcome.  
Admission 10c. and 20c.

Do your Christmas shopping early  
and avoid the rush.

Miss Matilda Stiles, granddaughter  
of John Stiles, Sr., of Belleville, recently  
passed the examination of Winnipeg  
Hospital as a trained nurse, receiving  
the gold medal, the highest reward for  
her ability.

Santa Claus will be "At Home" in  
Curry's Hall, Frankford, on Wednes-  
day evening, Dec. 21st, at 7 p.m., under  
the auspices of Trinity Church Sunday  
School Refreshments and Christmas  
Souvenirs for sale, and a Christmas  
tree at the close.

A very quiet wedding took place at  
the home of Mr. Baurens, at Warsen-  
burg, N. Y., on the evening of Dec. 1st,  
when Miss E. M. Chard, who has been  
nursing there for the past two years,  
was married to Mr. P. H. Clark, opera-  
tor at the Central Ontario Junction,  
formerly of Peterboro. During the  
month of November Miss Chard was at  
the Albany General Hospital, where  
she was under the doctor's care for a  
nervous breakdown. On her return  
from the Hospital, Mr. Clark started  
for Warrensburg, where they were  
married, leaving immediately for home  
by way of Montreal. Mr. and Mrs.  
Clark left yesterday for Toronto, where  
the former hopes to arrange a leave of  
absence in order to enable them to take  
a trip to Winnipeg.

## Important Auction Sale.

One of the most important and attractive  
Auction Sales of the season will be held at  
"Silver Medal Farm," Lot 7, Con. 6, Hun-  
gerford, (three miles south of Tweed), on  
Tuesday, Dec. 20th, when all the Farm  
Stock and Implements of Messrs. S. and  
T. N. Way will be sold without reserve.  
This will be a rare chance for anyone  
wishing to secure some of the blood of the  
deepest milking Shorthorns to be had any-  
where, as the owners have devoted a great  
deal of care and study in the develop-  
ment of the dual purpose cow for a good many  
years. These cattle must be seen to be  
appreciated, as they are very large, smooth  
and symmetrical, and are nearly all of a  
deep red. There are also some fine horses  
included in the list. Sale to commence at  
10 a.m. Free lunch at noon.

## Extraordinary Business.

We learn that the Family Herald and  
Weekly Star of Montreal is this season  
having an immense increase in the  
number of new subscribers over all pre-  
vious years. The premium picture,  
"The Princess at the Shrine," is no doubt  
accountable for a share of the increase,  
but the immense value of the Family  
Herald itself as a great family and farm  
paper is every year becoming more gen-  
erally known and is adding thousands  
of new readers annually. We notice  
the Publishers are calling on all old  
subscribers to renew earlier than usual  
this season to be able to get out in new  
Christmas rush. The dollar dailies fail  
to tempt the Canadian Public when the  
Family Herald and Weekly Star with  
such a handsome picture can be had for  
the same amount.

## The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1905 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for  
1905 is now ready, being the finest ed-  
ition ever issued. This splendid and  
costly book of 200 pages is a complete  
study of astronomy, and a storm and  
weather for 1905. It is too well known  
to need comment. See it and you will  
so decide. The price, postpaid to any  
address, is 30c. per copy. The Rev. Irl  
R. Hicks' scientific, religious and family  
journal, WORD AND WORKS, now  
abreast with the best magazines, is 75c.  
a year. Both WORD AND WORKS and  
the Almanac \$1.00 per year. No better  
investment possible for any person or  
family. Try it and see. Send to Word  
and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Samuel Hargett was arraigned before  
Magistrate Denison at Toronto on Wed-  
nesday morning and remanded for a  
week, on the conspiracy charge.

Henry Van Ness of Arden accident-  
ally shot and killed his son while deer  
hunting. The bullet passed through  
the body of James Parks, who will re-  
cover.

The Bancroft Times states that at a  
sale of farm stock and implements near  
there the prices realized were very poor.  
Good young cows sold for from \$12 to  
\$14, and a fairly good span of horses  
only brought \$75.

The Bancroft Times' "The residence  
of Mr. A. Logan of New Carlisle was  
completely destroyed by fire recently.  
The contents were saved. A quantity  
of grain and potatoes in an adjoining  
building was also burned. Miss Pease,  
who teaches school close by, arrived on  
the scene shortly after the fire broke  
out, and with the assistance of her  
pupils succeeded in saving the contents  
of the house."

## Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe  
winter weather both my wife and myself  
contracted severe colds which speedily de-  
veloped into the worst kind of la grippe  
with all its miserable symptoms," says  
Mr. J. S. Eggleston, of Maple Landing,  
Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles  
sore, head stuffed up, eyes and nose run-  
ning, with alternate spells of chills and  
fever. We began using Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy, finding the same with a  
dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver  
Tablets, and by its liberal use soon com-  
pletely knocked out the grip."

It is a good plan to take a dose of the  
Tablets when you have a cold. They pro-  
mote a healthy action of the bowels, liver  
and kidneys which is always beneficial  
when the system is congested by a cold or  
attack of the grip. For sale by Morton &  
Haight.

## Teacher Wanted.

For School Section No. 22 Sidney. State  
salary. Duties to commence Jan. 1905.  
Apply to ALBERT W. HAGERMAN,  
Glen Ross.

## Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Shamrock  
Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at  
the factory, on Friday, Dec. 10th, at the  
hour of one o'clock p.m., for the transac-  
tion of the general business of the com-  
pany.  
J. W. SAGER, President.

## PERSONALS.

Miss Ethel Delong, of Mountain View,  
is visiting at Mrs. T. A. Eggleston's.

Miss Katie Anderson, of Port Perry, is  
visiting her grandmother, Mrs. A. Judd.

Rev. D. Balfour attended the funeral of  
his sister, at Hockley, on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. V. Blackley and Mr. Frank  
Blackley, of Toronto, are visiting relatives  
in town.

Miss Emma Hagerman, of Anson, is  
spending the winter with her sister, Mrs.  
B. E. Cammings, Ridgeland Park, N.J.

Mr. Alymer Frederick and Miss Leah  
Frederick, of Campbellford, were the  
guests of Miss Hattie Edna Black last  
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White and Mr. and  
Mrs. Wm. E. Scott attended the funeral of  
Miss Jane Morton at Stockdale on Wed-  
nesday last week.

## Auction Sales.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14.—On Lot 17 in the  
5th Con. of Rawdon, the farm stock and  
implements, and a quantity of household  
furniture belonging to Mr. A. Dunkley.  
Sale at 1 o'clock p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auc-  
tioner.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15.—On lot 8 in the 6th  
con. of Rawdon, the farm stock and im-  
plements belonging to Mr. S. D. Sills.  
Sale at 1 o'clock p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auc-  
tioner.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16.—On Lot 23, 1st Con.  
Rawdon, the farm stock and implements  
belonging to Mr. A. W. Green. Sale at  
1 o'clock, sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auc-  
tioner.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20.—On lot 19, 6th con.  
of Rawdon, the farm stock and imple-  
ments belonging to Mr. E. Maybee. Sale at one  
o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, auctioneer.

## Married.

CLARK-CHARD—At Warrensburg, N.Y., on  
Dec. 1st, by Rev. Guy Harle Purdy, Miss E. M.  
Chard, of Stirling, to Mr. P. H. Clark, for-  
merly of Peterboro.

BLACKLEY—At his home, 231 Gladstone  
Avenue, Toronto, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, Jas.  
V. Blackley in his 4th year.

PITMAN—In Hamilton, on Dec. 4th, Mary  
Ann Pitman, aged 73 years.

FARGEY—In Rawdon, on Dec. 5th, Samuel  
Fargey, aged 42 years.

## Plum Grove Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of the Plum Grove  
Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at  
the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at one  
o'clock, for the purpose of the transaction  
of all business in connection with the  
company.  
FRED. FANNING, Pres.

## Evergreen Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of Evergreen Cheese  
Co. will be held at the factory on Satur-  
day, Dec. 18th, at 1 o'clock p.m., for the  
purpose of paying dividends, and the trans-  
action of any other business in connec-  
tion with the company.  
WM. RODGERS, Pres.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

### ALBION HOTEL, Belleville.

A report has been circulated that I  
have sold out my business. Such is not  
the case. It is Capt. Bottom of the  
Hastings House that has sold out.

We are still doing business at the  
"old stand" and will be pleased to see  
all our friends.

Our house is large and warm, our  
stables the largest and best in Belleville.  
Do not forget the name, **Albion Hotel.**  
GEO. H. DROWLEY,  
Proprietor.

## NOMINATION MEETING.

### 4th County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of  
the Electors will be held at the Town Hall  
in

### MARMORA VILLAGE

—ON THE—

19th day of December, 1904,

between the hours of one and two o'clock  
in the afternoon, for the purpose of nomi-  
nating candidates for the office of County  
Councillor for the Fourth County Council  
Division of the County of Hastings.

If a greater number of candidates are  
nominated than are required to be elected,  
the polls will be opened at the polling  
places for each of the polling sub-divisions  
within the said district on Monday, the  
2nd day of January, 1905, the polls to con-  
tinue open from nine o'clock in the morn-  
ing until five o'clock in the afternoon and  
no longer.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1904.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL,  
Nominating Officer.

## A CAR LOAD OF Coal Oil JUST ARRIVED.

—:—

We beg to announce to the citizens  
of Spring Brook and surrounding coun-  
try, that we have opened with a full  
line of

Pure Drugs,

Patent Medicines,

Perfumes,

Druggists' Sundries,

Stationery and School Supplies,

and trust by strict application to busi-  
ness and fair dealing to secure a por-  
tion of your patronage.

New Goods and prices right. Pre-  
scriptions and Family Recipes care-  
fully prepared.

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# STIRLING'S Popular Cash Store.

Headquarters for Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Skirts. Every  
skirt guaranteed in cloth, quality, wear, fit and style and only  
a pleasure to show our fine range in mostly every color.  
Prices from \$2.00 to \$10.00 each.

**LADIES' SUITINGS**—We need say nothing about our  
fine range, as you can see for yourselves the good values in all  
the newest shades. They sell themselves. Prices as low as  
15c. yd. double fold.

**WAISTINGS**—in pretty patterns and colors. Our range  
is very large and we are sure to suit you and at a price that  
will surprise you.

**WRAPPERETTES**—We have only one thing to say  
about them—you can save money buying them at MONT-  
GOMERY'S. They have the best values shown at 10c. yd., and  
about 50 pieces to choose from.

**TOWELLINGS, TABLE LINENS and NAPKINS**—  
When you think of buying take time to think about going the  
right place and turn into MONTGOMERY'S Store.

**Ladies' FLANNELETTE UNDERWEAR**—Something  
new in Night Gowns, Drawers, Underskirts and Corset Covers  
All colors. Prices exceedingly low.

## HOSIERY. HOSIERY.

The Double Leg Hosiery, the best made. We are the sole  
agent of Stirling.

Extra Heavy Wool Hosiery, special at 25c.

Cashmere Hosiery at prices too numerous to mention.

## UNDERWEAR

in Childrens', Misses', Ladies', Boys' and Men's. We are  
showing some special lines, and this is the time of the year  
when you are looking for good values. We have the same  
lines as last year, and which cannot be beaten.

## Gents' Furnishings.

Overalls, Top Shirts, Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters, Men's  
Gloves and Mitts, Socks, Braces, Ties, Cuffs and Collars, Fine  
Shirts, Caps, Pants and Pea Jackets.

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# The Price of Liberty

OR, A MIDNIGHT CALL

## CHAPTER XXVII.—(Continued.)

Henson shook his head uneasily. "The young lady persisted in taking me for a burglar," he groaned. "And why not?" Christabel demanded. "I was just going to bed when I heard voices in the forecourt below and footsteps creeping along. I came into the corridor with my revolver. Presently one of the men climbed up the ivy and got into the corridor. I covered him with my revolver and fairly drove him into a bedroom and locked him in." "So you killed with both barrels?" Littimer cried, with infinite enjoyment. "Then the other one came. He came to steal the Rembrandt." "Nothing of the kind," the wretched Henson cried. "I came to give you a lesson, Lord Littimer. My idea was to get in through the window, steal the Rembrandt, and, when you had missed it, confess the whole story. My character is safe."

"Giddy," Littimer said, reproachfully. "You are so young, so boyish, so buoyant, Reginald. What would your future constituents have said had they seen you creeping up the ivy? They are a grave people who take themselves seriously. Egad, this would be a lovely story for one of those prying society papers, 'The Philanthropist and the Picture.' I've a good mind to send it to the Press myself."

Littimer sat down and laughed with pure enjoyment. "And where is the other party?" he asked, presently.

Christabel seemed to hesitate for a moment, her sense of humor of the situation had departed. Her hand shook as she turned the key in the door.

"I am afraid you are going to have a rather unpleasant surprise," Henson said.

Littimer glanced keenly at the speaker. All the laughter died out of his eyes; his face grew stern and stern as Frank Littimer emerged into the light.

"And what are you doing here?" he asked, harshly. "What do you expect to gain by taking part in a fool's trick like this? Did I not tell you never to show your face here again?"

The young man said nothing. He stood there looking down, dogged, quiet, like one tongue-tied. Littimer thundered out his question again. He crossed over, laying his hands on his son's shoulders and shaking him as a terrier might shake a rat.

"Did you come for anything?" he demanded. "Did you expect any mercy from—"

Frank Littimer shook off his grasp gently. He looked up for the first time. "I expected nothing," he said. "I did not come of my own free will. I am silent now for the sake of myself and others. But the time may come—God knows it has been long delayed. For the present, I am bound in honor to hold my tongue."

He flashed one little glance at Henson, a long, angry glance. Littimer looked from one to the other in hesitation for a moment. The hard lines between his brows softened.

"Perhaps I am wrong," he muttered. "Perhaps there has been a mistake somewhere. And if ever I find out I have—pshaw, I am talking like a sentimental schoolgirl. Have I not had evidence strong as proof of Holy Writ that—Get out of my sight, your presence angers me. Go, and never let me see you again. Reginald, you were a fool to bring that boy here to-night. See him off the premises and fasten the door again."

"Surely," Christabel interferred, "surely at this time of the night—"

"You should be in bed," Littimer said, tartly. "My dear young lady, if you and I are to remain friends I must ask you to mind your own business. It is a dreadfully difficult thing for a woman to do, but you must try. You understand?"

Christabel was evidently putting a

strong constraint on her tongue, for she merely bowed and said nothing. She had her own good reasons for the diplomacy of silence. Henson and Frank Littimer were disappearing in the direction of the staircase. "I say nothing," Christabel said. "But at the same time I don't fancy I shall care very much for your distinguished friend Reginald Henson."

Littimer smiled. All his good humor seemed to have returned to him. Only the dark lines under his eyes were more accentuated.

"A slimy, fawning hound," he whispered. "A mean fellow. And the best of it is that he imagines that I hold the highest regard for him. Good-night."

CHAPTER XXVIII.

A little later, and Christabel sat before her looking-glass with her lovely hair about her shoulders. The glasses were gone and her magnificent eyes gleamed and sparkled.

"Good night's work," she said to her smiling reflection. "Now the danger is passed and now that I am away from that dreadful house I feel a different being. Strange what a difference a few hours has made!"

And I hardly need my disguise—yet at this moment I believe that Edith would not recognize me. She will be pleased to know that her telegram came in so usefully. Well, here I am, and I don't fancy that anybody will recognize Christabel Lee and Chris Henson for one and the same person."

She sat there brushing her hair and letting her thoughts drift along idly over the events of the evening. Reginald Henson would have felt less easy in his mind had he known what those thoughts were. Up to now that oily scoundrel hugged himself with the delusion that nobody besides Frank Littimer and himself knew that the second copy of "The Crimson Blind" had passed into Bell's possession.

But Chris was quite aware of the fact. And Chris as Chris was supposed by Henson to be dead and buried, and was, therefore, in a position to play her cards as she pleased. Up to now it seemed to her that she had played them very well indeed.

A cipher telegram from Longdon had warned her that Henson was coming there, had given her more than a passing hint what Henson required, and her native wit had told her why Henson was after the Rembrandt.

Precisely why he wanted the picture she had not discovered yet. But she knew that she would before long. And she knew also that Henson would try to obtain the print without making his presence at Littimer Castle obvious. He was bringing Frank Littimer along, and was therefore going to use the younger man in some cunning way.

That Henson would try and get into the castle surreptitiously, Chris had felt from the first. Once he did so the rest would be easy, as he knew exactly where to lay his hand on the picture. Therefore he could have no better time than the dead of night. If his presence were heeded he could turn the matter aside as a joke and trust to his native wit later on. If he had obtained the picture by stealth he would have discreetly disappeared covering his tracks as he retreated.

Still, it had all fallen out very fortunately. Henson had been made to look ridiculous; he had been forced to admit that he was giving Littimer a lesson over the Rembrandt, and though the thing appeared innocent enough on the surface, Chris was sanguine later on that she could bring this up in evidence against him.

"So far so good," she told herself. "Watch, watch, watch, and act when the time comes. But it was hard to meet Frank to-night and be able to say nothing. And how abjectly miserable he looked! Well, let us hope that the good time is coming."

Chris was up betimes in the morning. She had no time to lose. She was to go to the city and see Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Mr. C. F. Emmel, shoemaker, Western Hill, St. Catharines, Ont., states: "I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills regularly for some time and consider that they are unsurpassed for torpid liver, defective circulation, indigestion, headache and constipation, as these were my troubles. I used many remedies, but got no relief until I tried Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and a few boxes of this preparation have entirely cured me. I am not in the habit of endorsing any medicine, but in this case I cannot speak too highly in praise of Dr. Chase's Pills for what they have done for me."

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sing and out on the terrace. She felt no further uneasiness on the score of the disguise now. Henson was certain to be inquisitive, it was part of his nature, but he was not going to learn anything. Chris smiled as she saw Henson lumbering towards her. He seemed all the better for his night's rest.

"The rose blooms early here," he said gallantly. "Let me express the hope that you have quite forgiven me for the fright I gave you last night."

"I guess I don't recollect the fright," Chris drawled. "And if there was any fright I calculate it was on the other side. And how are you this morning? You look as if you had been in the wars. Got some trouble with your throat, or what?"

"A slight operation," Henson said airily. "I have been speaking too much in public lately and a little something had to be removed. I am much better."

The ready lie tripped off his tongue. Chris smiled slightly. "Do you know, you and me very much in common," he went on. "And yet I don't know why, because you are quite different. Lord Littimer tells me you are an American."

"The Stars and Stripes," Chris laughed. "I guess our nation is the first on earth. Now if you happen to know anything about Boston—"

"I never was in Boston in my life," Henson replied hastily. The name seemed to render him uneasy. "Have you been in England very long?"

Chris replied that she was enjoying England for the first time. But she was not there to answer questions her role was to ask them. But she was dealing with a past-master in the art of gleaming information, and Henson was getting on her nerves.

She gave a little of pleasure as a magnificent specimen of a bloodhound came trotting down the terrace and paused in friendly fashion before her.

"What a lovely dog," she exclaimed. "Do you like dogs, Mr. Henson?"

He looked up beamingly into his face as she spoke; she saw the heavy features darken and the eyes grow small with anger.

"I loathe them, and they loathe me," Henson growled. "Look at him!"

He pointed to the dog, who showed his teeth with an angry growl. And yet the great sleek head lay against the girl's knee in perfect confidence. Henson looked on uneasily and backed a little way. The dog marked his every movement.

"See how the brute shows his teeth at me," he said. "Please send him away, Miss Lee. I am certain he is getting ready for a spring."

Henson's face was white and hot and wet, his lips trembled. He was horribly afraid. Chris patted the silky head and dismissed the dog with a curt command. He went off instantly with a wistful, backward look in his eye.

"We are going to be great friends, that dog and I," Chris said, gaily. "And I don't like you any the better, Mr. Henson, because you don't like dogs and they don't like you. Dogs are far better judges of character than you imagine. Dr. Bell says—"

"What Dr. Bell?" Henson demanded, swiftly.

Chris had paused just in time; perhaps her successful disguise had made her a trifle reckless.

"Dr. Hatherly Bell," she said. "He used to be a famous man before he fell into disgrace over something or another. I heard him lecture on the animal instinct in Boston once, and he said—but as you don't care for dogs it doesn't matter what he said."

"Do you happen to know anything about him?" Henson asked.

"Very little. I never met him, if that is what you mean. But I heard that he had done something particularly disgraceful. Why do you ask?"

"Nothing more than a mere coincidence," Henson replied. "It is just a little strange that you should mention his name here, especially after what happened last night. I suppose that, being an American, you fell in love with the Rembrandt. It was you who suggested securing it in its place, and then preventing a little test from being successfully carried out. Of course you have heard that the print was stolen once?"

"The knowledge is as general as the spiriting away of the Gainsborough huchess."

"Quite so. Well, the man who stole the Rembrandt was Dr. Hatherly Bell. He stole it so that he might pay a gambling debt, and it was subsequently found in his luggage before he could pass it on to the purchaser, and I am glad you mentioned it, because the name of Bell is not exactly a favorite at the castle."

"I am much obliged to you," said Chris, gravely. "Was Dr. Bell a favorite once?"

"Oh, immense. He had great influence over Lord Littimer. He—here comes Littimer in one of his moods. He appears to be angry about something."

Littimer strode up, with a frown on his face and a telegram in his hand. Henson assumed to be mildly sympathetic.

"I hope it is nothing serious," he murmured. "Serious?" Littimer cried. "The case of audacity—yes. The telegram has just come. 'Must see you to-night on important business affecting the past. Shall hope to be with you some time after dinner.' And who is the audacious aspirant to an interview?" Chris asked, demurely.

"A man I expect you never heard of," said Littimer, "but who is quite familiar to Henson here. I am alluding to that scoundrel Hatherly Bell."

"Good heavens!" Henson burst out. "I mean, what colossal impudence!" (To be Continued.)

# ON THE FARM.

HANDLE MILK WITH CARE.

With doctors, government officers and philanthropists watching the milk supplies of the country, the probabilities are all in favor of an uncontaminated product for table use. But these agents are not as yet concerning themselves much with the raw material furnished by butter and cheese factories. The result is that both the butter and cheese makers and many of those who furnish raw supplies, as well as consumers, suffer because of the carelessness of one or two farmers who sell dirty and poor milk to the manufacturers.

It seems to be in vain that men who are making a business success of selling milk give their experience for the guidance of other sellers. It is in vain that the factory people re-monstrate and that buyers discriminate against butter made from milk from a large number of farms, and one or two of which supply a poor quality. It seems next to impossible to make the offender change his ways, and he goes on delivering a milk out of which first-class butter cannot be made. There is the wide variation there is in market prices of creamery butter, because of this fact, but the blame is often laid at the wrong door. It is not the creamery man's fault but the farmer's.

In some cases the farmer neither delivers his milk promptly nor takes the pains to keep it as untainted as he ought, yet he expects to get the highest price for his butter. No amount of dining seems to impress some milk handlers with the fact that an article of human food will absorb odors so readily as milk.

The taint, moreover, is very easily detected and no artificial means of removing it leaves the milk intact. Pasteurizers or sterilizers cover up or destroy the "cowy" odors and flavors, but treated milk has not the delicate flavor of that which is odorless and uncontaminated, nor is it so digestible.

In order to get clean milk, not only should the cow stand clean and sweet—about ninety-nine out of every hundred are not—so that the breath and blood and tissues of the cow shall not be affected by bad odors, but the milk should be in perfect health, the fields should be sweet and free from mud, and all water tan's clean and free from green slime and strong odors.

Stables are now whitewashed quicker and much more effectively with sprays than with a brush, and whitewash is, of course, the cheapest disinfectant known. A bushel of unsifted lime will make thirty gallons of whitewash. The lime should be used before it is air-dried. It should be thoroughly slacked with water, used while fresh and, if a spray is used, strained through a fine screen or cloth. The milker should be clean in person, ways, and perfectly healthy, if not, he may throw off germs of disease in breathing or coughing. If his breath is contaminated with tobacco, the milk cannot entirely escape contamination, and if his hands are soiled the milk must be dirty.

VIGOR IN COWS.

This is the element that produces endurance under great strain of any sort, in the race horse under the strain of terrific speed, in the milch cow under the strain of enormous production. Under the strain of a severe climate it is called hardiness. The presence or absence of this element is especially manifest in the growth and development of the young of the different breeds. Observe the calves of two different breeds. Of the one they live and grow without special care or attention; of the other they perish easily if they do not have the best of care. The difference is simply in constitutional vigor or vital force born in the calves of the

one and not born in the calves of the other. The difference continues through the lives of these animals. It is most manifest so conspicuously in the afterlife, yet it affects all their relations to their food, care and protection. In what does it consist? It is a secret force hidden in the race, in the breed and in the animal. Perhaps it may be called the vital temperament. The bulls of the Holstein-Friesian breed possess this vital force or temperament more strongly than any other improved dairy breed. The breeders in Holstein and Friesland have always avoided in-and-in breeding. In proof that this breed has maintained a high standard of vital force we point to its use in almost every climate, including that of the Arctic Circle. Here in America it is as hardy as our native cattle. Its calves are raised without difficulty. Taken from their dams at three days old and reasonably fed on s'milk and a little old meal they grow like weeds. Given plenty of food, no matter if much of it is roughage, they develop rapidly. The heifers usually drop their calves at about two years old and henceforward are profitable to their owners.

APPLES FOR CATTLE.

With thousands of bushels of apples wasted yearly in the orchards of this country, the following from the French scientist, M. Henri Blin, in the Journal d'Agriculture Pratique regarding the use of apples as food for cattle will be read with interest. M. Blin admits that the apple is weak in nitrogenous constituents, and that its value as food consists chiefly in its mucilage and hydropcarbons. Yet he values the fruit as food for stock at \$5 per ton, which is about twice as much as it is usual in this country to allow as the feeding value of a ton of mangels. No experienced feeder, we imagine, would give half as much as \$5 for a ton of apples to use as food for cattle. The analysis given in the article is as follows: Water, 85 per cent; nitrogenous matter, 0.40; fats, 0.30; extracts not nitrogenous, 12.50; cellulose, 1.50. Of course, it is stated that a good deal of dry food, including concentrated nitrogenous feeding stuffs, should be used with apples. With oilcake, he says, apples have a feeding value equivalent to that of mangels or carrots. Apple pulp, the residue of cider-making, is recommended for ensilage. As much of the water has been extracted, the percentage of nutritive constituents is much greater in this pulp than in fresh apples. M. Blin calls attention to the importance of pulping of mincing apples for stock, if only to avoid the danger of some of them being swallowed whole. It would be interesting to see the results of some comparative feeding experiments with equal weights of apples and mangels, for other foods being the same, in the fattening of cattle and sheep.

VELVET AS TRIMMING.

Never before in its history has velvet been in such a demand as a trimming. It not only is self-decorative but is used in the ornamentation of all kinds of other fabrics. Paris modistes have endorsed it for every detail of milady's wardrobe. In fancy effects give supremacy tulle and a hard struggle for supremacy as a waist material.

A handsome waist for very dressy wear is made of black chiffon velvet. The design is rather simple, yet what the effusive woman chemistess really sweet. There is a white lace falling over the opening in frills combined with the snowiest chiffon. Outlining the yoke is a band of white satin stitched with Parisian braid in pale blue, rose, gold and black. The sleeves extend only to the elbows and have a cuff trimmed with white satin and embroidery. They are finished with ruffles on the snowy white lace and chiffon.

SURE EVIDENCE.

A commercial traveller, whose face was somewhat ravaged by its well-known, recently found himself in a little country town.

He was proceeding quietly along the street when he was suddenly confronted by two large and rough-looking men, apparently strangers to the place.

The more aggressive of the two gave the traveller a slap on the shoulder, like the slam of a barn-door, and said—

"I say, is there a gaol in this yere town, where they shut up criminals?"

"Then the traveller prided himself on his ability to get along peaceably with all sorts and conditions of men, so he assumed an air of familiarity, and began—

"I don't think so. I've been here two days, and—

"Then the traveller ain't any," broke in the man, with decision. "If you've been in this yere town two days and there was one, you'd be in it!"

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The Berlin correspondent of The London Daily Telegraph says: Herr A. Niemann, author of the book entitled, "Der Weltkrieg," which caused so much stir when it first appeared some months ago, and has been translated into English, has written to The Press to defend himself against the attacks made on him charging him with being a firebrand and with having contributed by his book to further embitter the relations between Germany and England. Herr Niemann says that Germany, the greatest of Germanic people, is asserting for herself a world position Witness her colonies and growing fleet. She has one enemy—England. England has always been the enemy of the mighty nation, because she will herself be mightiest. That is why she broke the power of the Netherlands, destroyed the Empire of Spain, and is working for 200 years to break the might of France. She maintains her position by utilizing wars between other powers, only engaging in wars against colored races. In this way England won her colonies and girdles the world with her naval stations. The more hostile will England grow. As soon as Germany's colonies pay, as soon as Germany's fleet is a factor to be reckoned with, there will be a war between the two countries. According to Herr Niemann, the Englishman's most cherished dream is England on the throne of the world, with all the other nations her vassals. Herr Niemann says he wrote his book to break down the overwhelming vanity of Englishmen, to make the geographical and political state of affairs clear to his countrymen.

He—"But if I kiss you once, there will be no one the wiser." She—"Oh yes, there will." He—"Who?" She—"You—another time."

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vised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec.  
38, to all creditors and other persons having  
claims against the estate of William Simpson,  
late of the Township of Rawdon, in the  
County of Hastings, yeoman, deceased, who  
died on or about the 17th day of October, A.D.  
1904, to send in, prepaid, or otherwise to  
deliver to John Simpson, Esq., Spring Brook,  
or Geo. Simpson, Esq., Spring Brook, Ont.,  
Executors of the estate of the late William  
Simpson, on or before the 17th day of Decem-  
ber, 1904, a statement in writing of their  
names and addresses, and full particulars of  
their claims and demands, and the nature of  
the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after the  
date above mentioned, the said executors will  
proceed to distribute the assets of the said  
deceased amongst the persons entitled there-  
to, having regard only to the claims notified of  
which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are  
also hereby notified to hand in the amount of  
their indebtedness to the said Executors, on or  
before the said 17th day of December, 1904.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,  
Solicitor for Executors.

Dated the 23rd day of November, A.D. 1904.

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vised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec.  
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claims against the estate of Charles Edward  
Parker, late of the Village of Stirling, in the  
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1904, to send in, prepaid, or otherwise to  
deliver to James Parker, Banker, Marmora,  
Ont., the executor of the estate of the late  
Charles E. Parker, on or before the 10th day  
of December, 1904, a statement in writing of  
their names and addresses, and full particulars  
of their claims and demands, and the nature of  
the securities (if any) held by them.

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date above mentioned, that said Executor will  
proceed to distribute the assets of the said  
deceased amongst the persons entitled there-  
to, having regard only to the claims  
notified of which shall have been given as re-  
quired.

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man may easily be lost and wander un-  
til overcome. Too often this has hap-  
pened, and hardly a winter has passed  
without some such disaster.

A man so lost will often trust to the  
instinct of the dogs to find a way  
home through the bewildering storm  
and gloom. Sometimes, however, even  
the animals have been at fault. In a  
recent case a fisherman with three  
dogs was overtaken on the homeward  
way by a sudden tempest of wind and  
snow. To see even a few feet must  
have been impossible, and even the  
dogs must have been overcome with  
fright or found that they were unable  
to guide themselves in the right di-  
rection. Still, though two were loose,  
they did not desert the man. When  
the searching parties found him on the  
following day he was dead, frozen to  
death, but the dogs with him were  
alive. One dog, which had not been  
unharnessed, was mad, however, and  
had to be killed at once.—George Hib-  
bard in Harper's Magazine.

## Look to Your Walk.

Look to your walk. It has more to  
do with your success or failure than  
you perhaps dream of. Don't slouch.  
Don't wobble. Don't shuffle. Don't  
strut. Walk like a man who is deter-  
mined to play a man's part in life, with  
head erect and feet planted firmly on  
the ground.

One may see on the streets of a city  
every day many people who are walk-  
ing failures. There is not the slightest  
energy in their movements. Their whole  
bearing gives testimony of their weak-  
ness. How do we know that they are  
failures? Nothing is simpler. There is  
a subtle connection between the mind  
and the body. The mental attitude is  
reflected in the spontaneous movements  
of the body, and you can very quickly  
tell by a man's walk and general bear-  
ing whether his mind is alert, his spirit  
progressive and earnest and his whole  
being full of life and vigor and deter-  
mination or he is a slouch, lazy, life-  
less creature.—Success.

## Saltiness of the Sea.

The two great causes of a very grad-  
ual increase in the saltiness of the sea  
are the solvent powers of water and  
the process of evaporation. By their  
solvent powers rain, rivers and springs  
draw salts out of the land and carry  
them to the sea. In evaporation the  
sun, as an enormous pump, is ever  
drawing up pure water, leaving all sol-  
ids behind. On the other hand, many  
marine organisms, plants and animals  
are continually extracting mineral mat-  
ter from the sea wherewith to build up  
the solid parts of their bodily frames.  
Whenever the point of saturation is  
reached salt is deposited, as in the salt  
pans of the Caspian, the Dead Sea, Salt  
Lake, Utah, and numerous beds of rock  
salt.

## Babies on Club's Waiting List.

In what is supposed to be our sweet-  
est club the father who does not cause  
his masculine offspring to be posted  
for membership on about the day of  
the offspring's birth is understood to be  
the exception rather than the rule.  
There is a legend that a member once  
anticipated an interesting event in his  
family to the extent of proposing for  
membership a boy he was expecting  
and that the baby turned out to be a  
girl. We believe, however, that this  
legend has never been fully substantiated.  
It is nevertheless a fact, we believe,  
that there's a long procession  
of baby boys on the club's waiting list.

## Lady Vere de Vere.

Aubrey de Vere, the poet, and his  
family were for long years intimate  
friends with Tennyson, who borrowed  
the whole of his famous Lady Clara's  
name from them, for one of them was  
actually a Vere de Vere. Lady de Vere,  
it is said, did not quite like the associ-  
ation of her name and of a little some-  
thing like hers with the character of  
the hard hearted and haughty Clara.  
"Why should Lady de Vere be ag-  
grieved?" was Tennyson's reply. "I  
have not given her name to an ugly  
woman nor to an old woman, only to a  
wicked one."

## Could Meet, but Not Greet.

Caller—Mr. Ardup, you said last  
month if I would come on the 15th  
you'd be ready to meet this note, and  
I've brought it. Mr. Ardup—Why, the  
fact is I'm—er—ready to meet it for  
old acquaintance sake, but it's simply  
impossible for me to be chummy with  
it. Can't you come again some time  
next week?

## The Poor Missionary.

"Now, my child," said the cannibal  
mother to her youngest hopeful, "I  
want you to be on your good behavior  
and not make a pig of yourself."  
"What for?" demanded the young  
savage.  
"Because we're going to have that  
new minister for dinner."—Exchange.

## More Suitable Name, He Thinks.

"Some people insist on referring to  
flats as 'apartments.'"  
"It's wrong," answered the discon-  
tented man. "They are compartments."

## Utilizing the Log.

Miss Querie—I understand you had a  
narrow escape crossing the Atlantic?  
Mr. Hard-Port—Yes, indeed. The coal  
ran out, and the captain had to split up  
the ship's log to keep the fires going.

## Exhausting.

Mrs. Gramercy—Which of your so-  
cial duties do you find most exacting?  
Mrs. Park—To appear interested in  
the things that don't interest me.

It is the simpleton who doesn't dare  
to be simple.



Mrs. Rosa Adams, niece of  
the late General Roger Hanson,  
C.S.A., wants every woman to  
know of the wonders accom-  
plished by Lydia E. Pinkham's  
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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot  
tell you with pen and ink what good  
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Compound did for me, suffering from  
the ills peculiar to the sex, extreme  
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would rise from my bed in the morning  
feeling more tired than when I went to  
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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable  
Compound, I began to feel the buoy-  
ancy of my younger days returning,  
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able to do before, so I continued to use  
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is free, and the address is Lynn,  
Mass. No woman ever regretted  
having written her, and she has  
helped thousands.

## Ears of Lobsters.

Most curious are the ears of lobsters.  
Each is a sack or bag containing fluid  
and "ear stones," these last being par-  
ticles of mineral matter, or, in some  
cases, particles of sand. They increase  
the vibrations set up by sound waves,  
which in due season impinge on the  
delicate cells of the ear, which contain  
the ends of the nerve of hearing. These  
last in turn convey the impressions to  
what serves the lobster by way of a  
brain, and a very respectable nervous  
mass it is.

## Sleep.

To sleep is to strain and purify our  
emotions, to deposit the mud of life,  
to calm the fever of the soul, to return  
into the bosom of maternal nature,  
thence to reissue, healed and strong.  
Sleep is a sort of innocence and puri-  
fication. Blessed is he who gave it to  
the poor sons of man as a sure and  
faithful companion of life, our daily  
healer and comforter.—M. Amiel.

## The Last Thing He Did.

It was said of Lord Palmerston that  
he never grew old and was as light-  
hearted as a boy to the very end.  
When he was on his deathbed and the  
doctors told him that his time had  
come he brightened up for a final jest.  
"Die, my dear doctor! That's the last  
thing I shall do!" It was.

Rev. Dr. Cayen, Principal of Knox  
College, Toronto, died on Thursday  
evening last Dec. 1st. He was 74 years  
of age, and was one of the leading min-  
isters of the Presbyterian Church in  
Canada.

Mr. John Bell, K.C., who has been  
legal adviser of the Grand Trunk Rail-  
way Co. since its organization more  
than fifty years ago, has resigned, owing  
to ill health, and is succeeded by  
Mr. W. H. Biggar, K.C., who has  
been assistant solicitor for many years.  
The legal offices have been removed  
from Belleville to Montreal.

Mr. H. B. Cowan, Superintendent of  
Agricultural Societies, states that there  
are too many ill fairs, and that there  
must be materially reduced. It  
is proposed to limit the number of  
agricultural fairs to be held in any  
county from four to two, and that the  
people should be allowed to vote at  
municipal elections to decide which  
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### County Council.

The County Council met at Belleville on Tuesday last week, all the members being present.

The Warden made a brief address, and referred to several matters that would be brought before the Council. A number of communications were read and referred to committees.

At the Wednesday morning session notice was given of a by-law to appoint county auditors.

Kingston wants to be a model school centre for this district, and to that effect the authorities there wrote the Council asking their aid in securing for them the privilege. They laid before the Council the many facilities they could give for such a school.

On motion the school inspectors were heard in reference to this matter.

Mr. Johnson said the model schools had not been doing their work properly. They had too much on their hands. If we could get a good model school to train teachers it would be of great benefit. He pointed out many defects in the training of young teachers. It would be a good thing to centralize the model schools.

Mr. Mackintosh said the question was one of the greatest importance. If a teacher were not properly trained he would be of but little use in a school. There was a consensus of opinion that there should be a consolidation of Model schools. He would like to see the school placed here as it would be in the interests of the county. Still he was prepared to support any place where it would be of the most use to the teachers. As matters were now the teachers were the poorest paid class of people in any profession. It would be unwise to add anything to the burden they now had to bear.

Mr. McFarlane thought perhaps it would be best to consolidate schools. He thought we had as good teachers turned out from Model schools as from Normal schools. He moved that the council approve of the consolidation of Model schools, but did not recommend any particular point at which the school would be placed.

Mr. Mallory seconded the motion, which was passed, with the addition that if such a school were established it should be at Belleville.

Dr. Bowby of Tweed was heard in reference to the establishment of a House of Refuge near Tweed.

Several claims for damages caused by horses running away were made, but none of these were entertained by the Council.

The Women's Institute of East Hastings asked for a grant of \$25. A motion was passed that the annual grant be \$25, and that the legislature be asked to aid also. An account from the Campbellford High School for \$21.03 was passed; also an account from the Schuter Co. for \$296.75 was passed.

At the Thursday morning session an account from the village of Stirling for work done on county roads was presented and passed.

Mr. A. Nicholson, chairman of Roads and Bridges, presented a report detailing the expense incurred by his committee for the year. The cost of gravel roads was \$13,556.41, and on bridges, including O'Brien's bridge, \$9,220.80. Machinery cost \$357.22, wire fencing \$98.40 and for snow expenditure \$760.89.

The county medical association was granted the use of the Judge's chamber for holding their meetings.

The O'Brien bridge matter caused considerable discussion. The disposal of a lot of the iron from the wreck of the old bridge was talked over and on motion of Mr. McFarlane the clerk and superintendent were authorized to dispose of the iron.

The report of the chairman of Roads and Bridges was adopted.

Mr. Rodgers spoke of a road in Marmora which ran through the "Long Swamp." The road was frequently flooded. He asked that a committee composed of himself, the superintendent and Mr. A. Nicholson look into the matter and report on it. His motion passed.

The committee appointed in reference to the choosing of a site for the House of Refuge, accompanied by the Warden and other Councilors, went Thursday afternoon to inspect prospective sites for the proposed home.

On Friday morning an account of the receipts and expenditures of the county Model school at Madoc was presented. The report of the committee in reference to the House of Refuge was read and filed. The committee did not, as yet, make a selection.

A communication from the city of Belleville was received in reference to granolithic walks.

A by-law to assume several county roads was introduced by Messrs. Mallory and Clarke and was given its first reading.

On Saturday morning the reports of committees on roads and bridges and ways and means were passed.

Messrs. W. C. Farley and C. W. Thompson were appointed county auditors.

A by-law to incorporate the village of Bancroft was passed. David Fuller was appointed the first returning officer for the village.

A by-law was passed to take over certain roads as part of the county road system. There are in Sidney, in Thurlow there are about ten miles of road. Tyendinaga, Rawdon, Huntingdon, Hungerford, Elzevir, all had roads which were taken over.

On motion the Warden vacated the chair, which was taken by Mr. McFarlane. A vote of thanks was then tendered the Warden, several of the members speaking very highly of his services.

Dr. Faulkner in reply showed deep emotion at having to part with his friends. It is not his intention to again enter the council. He spoke of the pleasant time he had spent among the councilors and of the many friendships he had among them. All had done their best to do the county's business honestly and to its best interests. He thanked all for their courtesy and kindness during his term of office.

### Samples of Choice Grain for Improvement of Seed.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR,—By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of Samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution is of the very best and has been secured mainly from the excellent crops recently had at the branch Experimental Farm at Indian Head in the North-West Territories. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn, and potatoes. The quantity of oats to be sent this year will be 4 lbs., and of wheat or barley 5 lbs., sufficient in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn and potatoes will weigh 3 lbs. as heretofore. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution:

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### LACE CURTAINS.

A stock of Curtains equal to city requirements is what you will find at "Sterling Hall" as well as ample space in which to show them.

Strong Leaders in Nottingham Curtains at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00. Strong Leaders in Swiss at \$3.50 to \$6.50. Strong Leaders in Irish Point, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

### FANCY GOODS.

Take the stairway to the Second Flat if in search of Novelties in Fancy Goods.

Fancy Lamps,	Dolls,	Fancy China,
Work Boxes,	Photo Albums,	Medallions,
Small Mirrors,	Toys, Games,	Picture Books,
Vases,	Sleighs,	China Figures,

**W. R. MATHER,**

Direct Importer of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.



# PORT ARTHUR ARSENAL ON FIRE

## The Japanese Are Now Bombarding the Town.

### HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

A despatch from Tokyo says:—Despatches received on Monday from the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur report that the interior of the fortress was bombarded with heavy guns on Sunday. The battleship Potemkin, the transport Amur, and the wireless telegraph station at the foot of Golden Hill were seriously damaged and the arsenal was set on fire.

### STOESSIL MUST YIELD.

A despatch from London says: The belief prevails in military circles here that Gen. Stoessel, in command at Port Arthur, will soon be compelled to surrender, his position being no longer regarded as tenable. The Japanese have mounted heavy guns on 203-Metre Hill. Stoessel and his troops will not be able to reach Liaotshan, as all approaches thereto are swept by the Japanese artillery.

With the Baltic fleet still many thousands of miles away, the situation of the garrison would seem hopeless.

No doubt is felt that the Japs will offer generous terms to Gen. Stoessel should he see fit to make overtures for surrender.

### SOUTHWARD MOVE.

A despatch from Gen. Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan, says: The Russians along the front of Gen. Oku's army are continuing an artillery and rifle fire day and night. The Japanese are not replying. A Russian move southward is not anticipated immediately. The Russian plan for a winter campaign has not developed. The Japanese preparations for the winter are practically completed.

### RUSSIANS DEFEATED.

A despatch from Tokyo says: It is officially reported that last Thursday night the Japanese outposts at Shaotumau repulsed a Russian attack. At 3 a.m. a force of uncertain dimensions approached an outpost near the Sha River and the railway, but were immediately driven back. At 5 a.m. they renewed the attack on the outpost north-east of the Sha River bridge. The Russian force gradually grew in strength, a battalion enveloping the outpost from the north-east and west simultaneously. There was a heavy rifle fire against Limuntan, but the Russians retired at dawn, leaving a large number of dead. The Japanese lost twenty slightly wounded. In the Hanchang district a detachment of Japanese encountered thirty or forty Russian cavalry towards Sungshukan, who were repulsed with fifteen casualties. The Japanese detachment reached Shangtutze in the afternoon.

### JAPS LOSE SHIP.

A despatch from Tokyo says: The Japanese cruiser Saizen struck a mine and sank Nov. 30th. Fifteen officers and 175 men were rescued. Capt. Tajima and thirty-eight others went down with the ship.

In the official report of the disaster the Navy Department says that the Saizen, while co-operating with the army in bombarding Port Arthur Nov. 30th, struck a Russian mine and was seen to be enveloped in smoke. The gunboat Akagi, which was also engaged in shelling Port Arthur, immediately ceased firing and went to the rescue of the Saizen. Finding that the latter was filling rapidly the Akagi anchored near the sinking ship and, co-operating with the other Japanese ships, launched a rescue in rescuing fifteen officers and 175 men, but Capt. Tajima and thirty-eight others went down with the ship.

### BATTLESHIPS SUNK.

A despatch sent from Port Arthur to Tokyo on Thursday says that the battleship Peresviet's keel is on the bottom, and that her middle funnel is wrecked. The cruiser Pallada is beginning to list to port. The upper deck of the cruiser Pallada was set on fire and is still burning. The battleship Sevastopol is moored alongside a dock in the east harbor, where she is hidden from sight by the hills. The fire to-day was directed to the Pallada, Bayan and Sevastopol. The sinking of the battleship Potemkin was due to the explosion of a magazine aboard of her. She was hit only a few times. It is considered that as 203-Metre Hill commands the communications between the city and Liaotshan the Japanese will be able to prevent the Russians from making a final stand at the latter place.

A correspondent who is with the Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur, in describing the havoc wrought by the fire of the Japanese guns, says that in addition to the warships already named as being sunk or damaged, the gunboats Gijak and Fusad-neck have also been sunk. The torpedo boats alone are intact.

It is reported that the Russian counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill ceased on Dec. 5, and that the attackers have withdrawn towards Yankou. The Russians have also slackened their opposition to the Japanese sappings of the eastern forts. The defenders are dwindling in num-

ber, and are suffering from exhaustion.

### WILL SOON FALL.

A despatch from Cheloo says: According to Japanese officers from the front, Dec. 20, will see Port Arthur in their possession on completely. And Russian resistance on the Kwang-Tung peninsula will have ended, they believe, forever.

When the port finally falls it will not be because of any failure within itself, but because the Russian army which the port is the combination play their part in the combination for which the fortress was prepared. The campaign on the peninsula really began when the Japanese on June 27th captured Nanshan, and seized the great line of defenses which the Russians had constructed from sea to sea across the peninsula. Thence onwards the Japanese advance has been continuous.

### WILL STARVE THEM OUT.

A despatch from Tokyo says:—In disabling the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, precluding the possibility of its being able to reinforce the Russian second Pacific squadron, the Japanese have accomplished the main object of desperate assaults against the fortress which they have been making the past three months. There is now a strong probability that, while continuing the siege, they will avoid losses of the magnitude already attending their efforts, and instead of assaulting, will rely on starving out the garrison until it is finally captured.

### NOGI'S SONS KILLED.

A despatch from Tokyo says:—In the fighting of Nov. 30th the second son of Gen. Nogi was killed on 203-Metre Hill. Gen. Nogi's eldest son was killed in the Battle of Nanshan and he is now childless.

Imperial army headquarters has published a list of 35 officers killed and 58 wounded. No mention is made of where these casualties occurred, but it was presumably at Port Arthur.

### BALTIC FLEET A BLUFF.

A despatch to the London Express from St. Petersburg says that definite instructions have been sent to Admiral Rojestvensky, commander of the Baltic fleet, not to proceed to the Far East. The czar took the matter into his own hands and issued the order, despite the opposition of the grand dukes. The Baltic fleet will now probably dawdle at various ports until the possibilities of service are so remote that the public will have forgotten its original mission. The despatch adds that reports concerning the despatch of a third squadron to the Far East are mere speculations.

### AWFUL SCENES.

A despatch from headquarters of the Third Japanese Army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, says: The correspondent of the Associated Press has visited 203-Metre Hill, the scene of the awful six-days' fight, which ended with its capture by the Japanese.

The advance works and the crest of the hill were torn away, the slopes of the hill were covered with debris and the trenches were smashed and filled with soil.

In a single section of the trenches one hundred yards long over two hundred Russian dead and wounded were seen. They had been horribly mangled with dynamite grenades.

### TO ESCAPE SERVICE.

A despatch from London says: Eight hundred Russians, most of whom allege they fled from their homes in order to escape military service in Manchuria, left London on Thursday for Liverpool, on their way to America. These refugees are arriving at the rate of 150 daily.

### INDEPENDENT FORCES.

A despatch from Tokyo says: As to frequent appearance of Russian troops in the direction of Hsienchang, on the right of the Japanese position on the Sha, it is believed here that they are independent detachments despatched from Fushun, which is 30 miles east of Mukden. There are no Russians in any force south-east of Mukden. Late-ly 25,000 were sent from the district southeast of Mukden to join the fighting line on the Russian right. The Asahi reports that the Russians heavily bombarded the railway on the lower Sha River throughout Friday afternoon. A large number of Russian wounded were sent north from Mukden on Thursday.

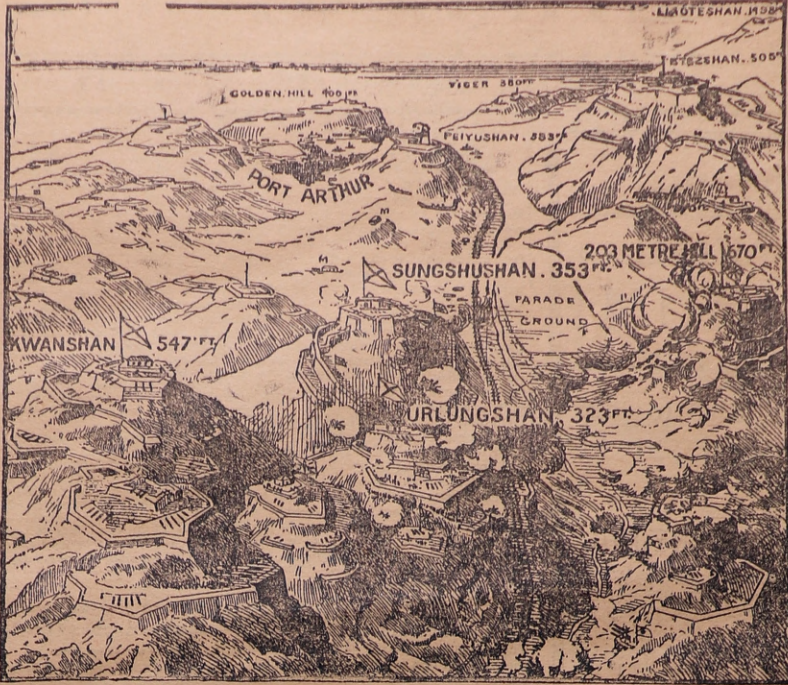
### MINOR ENGAGEMENTS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Gen. Sakharov, under whose day's date, reports that the Russian main guard at a village southward of Laotshengui Pass was driven out on Thursday by the Japanese artillery after sustaining a few casualties. The Japanese subsequently retired.

Gen. Kuropatkin, in a telegram to the Emperor, mentions Japanese attacks on Sinchinpu and Soudgamin, both of which were repulsed, and an important outpost affair on the right wing where the Russians routed and bayoneted a Japanese guard.

### JAP TROOPS INSPIRED.

The London Times' correspondent at Tokyo says:—According to an official telegram, issued on Thursday afternoon, the Japanese troops at Port Arthur are greatly inspired by the signal successes of the last few days in capturing positions and inflicting damage to the Russian fleet.



PLAN SHOWING FORTS CAPTURED BY JAPANESE AT PORT ARTHUR.

## THE WORLD'S MARKETS

### REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Wheat—The market is very dull for Ontario grades, with No. 2 white and red winter quoted at 99c to \$1.00 out. No. 2 goose quoted at 86c to 87c east, and No. 2 Spring at 95c east. Manitoba wheat is weaker; No. 1 Northern, \$1.04; No. 2 Northern, 99c, and No. 3 Northern at 93c. Georgian Bay ports. Grinding in transit prices are above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white is quoted at 32½c low freights, and at 32c north and west; No. 1 white is steady at 33c east.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 45c to 46c middle freights. No. 3 extra, 43c; and No. 3 at 41c middle freights.

Peas—The market is steady, with dealers quoting 68c to 69c at outside points.

Corn—The market is quiet, with new Canadian quoted at 45c west, guaranteed sound. New American yellow, 53c on track, Toronto, and new mixed, 52½c, Toronto. Old American No. 3 yellow, 64½c, and old No. 3 mixed, 63c, Toronto.

Rye—The market is firm at 75c to 76c at outside points.

Buckwheat—The market is nominal at 55c to 56c at outside points.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.40 to \$4.50, in buyers' sacks, east or west. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade in bulk, \$4.75 to \$5. Manitoba flour unchanged. No. 1 patents, \$5.70; No. 2 patents, \$5.40 and strong bakers', \$5.30, on track, Toronto.

Milled—At outside points bran is quoted at \$14.50 to \$15, and shorts at \$17.50 to \$18. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$19 and shorts at \$21.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Choice stock scarce and firm at \$1.75 to \$2.25 per barrel; cooking apples, \$1 to \$1.50 per barrel.

Beans—Trade is fair, and prices unchanged, with prime quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40, and hand-picked at \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Cranberries—The market is unchanged at \$8 per barrel.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 32c to 35c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet, at 7½c to 8c per lb. Comb honey, \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen.

Hay—Car lots are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track, Toronto, the latter for No. 1 timothy.

Straw—The market is firm on light offerings. Car lots are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots are quoted at 75c to 80c per bag on track. Small lots at 90c to \$1.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 9 to 10c, hens, 6 to 7c per lb.; ducks, 9c per lb.; geese, 8 to 8½c per lb.; turkeys, dry plucked, 13 to 14c; do, scaled 10 to 11c per lb.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—The receipts are moderate and insufficient for demand, and prices continue firm. We quote—Finest lb. rolls, 17 to 18c; ordinary to choice large rolls, 16 to 17c; low to medium grades, 13 to 15c; creamery prints, 22 to 23c; solids, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—The market is unchanged, with large cheese quoted at 10½ to 11½, and twins at 10½ to 11c per lb.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with offcuts moderate. Car lots are quoted at \$6.25 to \$6.40. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices. We quote—Bacon, long clear, 8½ to 8¾c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$14.50 to \$15; lard short cut, 21.

## DISTRIBUTION OF SEED

Samples of Choice Grain Will Be Sent Free of Charge.

By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed.

The stock for distribution is of the very best and has been secured mainly from the excellent cross recently had at the branch Experimental Farm at Indian Head in the North-west Territories.

The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn and potatoes. The quantity of oats to be sent this year will be 4 lb., and of wheat or barley 5 lb., sufficient in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre.

The samples of Indian corn and potatoes will weigh 3 lb. as heretofore. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution:—

Oats—Banner, Wide-Awake, Improved Ligow, Waverly, Goldfinder, Abundance and Thousand Dollar.

Wheat—Preston, Red Fife, Percy, Stanley, Huron, Laurel and White Fife.

Barley—Six-rowed—Mensury, Odessa, Mansfield, Claude and Royal. Two-rowed—Sidney, Invincible, Standwell and Canadian Thrope.

Potatoes—Carman No. 1, Early White Prize, Canadian Beauty, Uncle Sam, American Wonder, Bovee, Early Andes and Late Puritan.

Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent any time before the 1st of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort or variety they would prefer, but a second sort as an alternative, and should the available stock of both these varieties be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent instead. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes will please bear in mind that the corn is not available for distribution until March or April, and that potatoes cannot be mailed from Ottawa until in danger from frost in transit is over.

## UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 13.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Spring, scarce; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17½; winter, dull; No. 2 red, \$1.20. Corn—Fairly steady at decline; No. 3 yellow, 50c; No. 3 corn, 48½c. Oats—Dull; No. 2 white, 34½c; No. 2 mixed, 33½c. Rye—Dull, 55c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Dec. 1, \$1.08; May, \$1.12½; July, \$1.11½; Sept., 94c; No. 1 hard, \$1.10½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.04; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04½. Flour—First patents, \$6 to \$6.10; second patents, \$5.80 to \$5.90; first clears, \$4.25 to \$4.35; second clears, \$2.75 to \$2.85. Bran—in bulk, \$14.50.

## CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The market was good for choice butcher cattle, but trade was slow for the poorer classes.

Export—not much inquiry, except for choice. Poorly finished cattle not wanted.

Butchers—Slight improvement in the demand for good butchers' cattle. Prices steady to firm for the best. Rough butchers' and common canners still away down. Choice butcher heifers are firm at \$4.25 to \$4.40, but very few of the latter available.

Feeders—There is a little demand for feeders, good short-keeps.

Stockers—Demand is not very active, and prices are easier at \$3.25 to \$3.50 for the choicest quality.

Sheep and Lambs—Lambs were quoted at \$5.10.

Hogs—The market is steady, with no change in the quotations since last week. Selects, \$4.80; lights and fats, \$4.50.

## TO CUT OUT LIVERPOOL.

Scheme to Divert Canadian Trade to Scottish Port.

A London despatch says:—The Canadian Associated Press has learned that a scheme is on foot to divert Canada's seaboard traffic from Liverpool to Loch Linlithgow, on the west coast of Scotland. It is calculated that passengers and mails coming from Halifax, and landing at Port William, could reach London eighteen hours sooner than by the Liverpool route, the time being saved on the ocean journey.

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

### HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

### CANADA.

James Ross has given \$25,000 to Alexandra Hospital, Montreal. The Montreal Power Company intend reducing the electric light rates. Earl Grey was formally installed as Governor-General of Canada at Halifax on Saturday.

The public school at Port Carling was destroyed by fire on Friday. Loss about \$3,000; insurance, \$2,000.

St. Thomas Council passed a by-law imposing a hundred dollar license fee for the privilege of selling cigarettes.

Three new companies of the Army Service Corps are to be formed, one at Winnipeg, the second at Hamilton and the third at Quebec.

George Laidweber had both legs broken and William Robertson sustained a fractured skull by a heavy glider falling upon them at Stratford on Saturday.

William P. Larken, correspondence clerk of the Bank of Montreal at Hamilton, committed suicide by leaping from a window while temporarily dazed on Saturday.

Sir Charles Ross of the Ross Rifle Company says that his factory is turning out 100 rifles a day. A proposition of Sir Charles, made on behalf of the Armstrongs, that a factory to manufacture cordite and big guns, is under consideration by the Government.

Lieut.-Col. Biggar, M.A., Director of Transports and Supplies, has finished the examination of the Canadian school children's essays on South Africa, and will forward the four leading essays to South Africa for final judgment. He considers the following four the best: Bertha Lowry, 95 marks and gold medal, Summerville, Man.; Madeline Clay, 90 marks and silver medal, Pughwash, N.S.; Florence Johnston, Mo-Lean, Assiniboia, 80 marks, and Priscilla Mitchell, Minto, Man., also 80 marks.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Capt. Symons has been appointed Adjutant of the School of Military Engineering, Chatham.

Eleven English fishermen were drowned while attempting to assist a steamer on the rocks of Northumberland.

The Canadian Associated Press learns that the steamship rates to Canada will be advanced to the old level early in February.

### UNITED STATES.

There was a \$400,000 fire in Rochester on Saturday.

The United States duty is to be remitted on Canadian wheat for mixed flour.

Fifteen miners were killed by fire damp in a Washington State coal mine.

The U. S. Government will spend \$3,700,000 in improving the Detroit River.

Senator Proctor presented to the Senate a memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, protesting against reciprocity with Canada.

John W. Grange has been appointed receiver for the Neale & Levy Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia, one of the chief concerns of the kind in the country.

The drought is becoming serious to farmers and manufacturers in northern New York. Pulp and paper manufacturers along the Saranac River are obliged to shut down every few days on account of low water.

### GENERAL.

The Czar has promised the Finnish Diet to relax some of the oppressive laws.

The German Socialist leader declared Russia was crippled in a military and a moral sense.

The anti-foreign unrest in northern China is declared to be more dangerous than the Boxer uprising.

In the Dutch Chamber a Roman Catholic deputy declared that the troops in Sumatra had behaved like Hunns and Tatars, it slaughtering women and children for purely commercial objects.

## NO WARSHIPS FOR COAST

Britain Will Withdraw Fleet From American Waters.

A London despatch says:—The Admiralty will issue in a few days, according to the Times, a statement of its new scheme for the distribution of the vessels of the British navy. The scheme contemplates the retirement of about 40 vessels of little value as warships. It is proposed, according to the correspondent, that a unique compromise shall be paid to the American Government by practically ignoring that country in the distribution of ships. It is probable that only two vessels will be stationed on the whole North American coast, one in the Atlantic and the other in the Pacific, with headquarters at Canadian ports. There may not be many more than two vessels in West Indian waters. An Admiralty official is quoted as saying:—"While the relations between America and Great Britain recede as they are we do not need any warships over there to keep any there."

## A DARING ROBBERY.

\$2,500 Worth of Rings Stolen at Winnipeg.

A Winnipeg despatch says:—A daring burglary was committed shortly after 6 o'clock on Friday evening, when the jewelry store of C. Thurman, Portage Avenue, was entered from the rear and two trays of rings valued at over \$2,500, were taken from the front window, which was brilliantly lighted and in full view of hundreds passing the busy street. Mr. Thurman locked his premises at 6 p. m., but did not put the valuables in the safe until he intended coming back after supper.

## CANADA-MEXICO LINE.

Contract Reported Awarded to Glasgow Firm.

A Mexico City despatch says:—It is reported here that the contract for the British steamship line between British Columbia and Mexico has been awarded to Andrew Weir and Co., of Glasgow, Scotland. The agreement calls for first-class steamers, capable of carrying 4,500 tons of freight each, 50 first-class passengers, and from 300 to 400 steerage passengers. The line will be subsidized and will receive \$50,000 from the Canadian Government and a like amount from the Mexican Government.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Will Be Observed on Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd.

A Toronto despatch says: At a meeting of the Ontario Cabinet on Thursday afternoon it was decided to issue a proclamation declaring Monday, Dec. 26th, and Monday, Jan. 2nd, public holidays. This was done in view of the fact that Christmas and New Year's Days fall on a Sunday.



"There is one thing I dread," remarked Johnson, "and that is a premature burial." "You need not worry about that," replied his friend; "the thing is impossible; there's no danger of your being buried too soon."



The Ontario Legislature has been dissolved, the general elections to take place on January 25.

Town and country roads can be improved and kept in fair condition by wide wagon tires. Why municipalities have not passed by-laws to regulate this question is very hard to understand. The narrow tires always cut the road bed, while it requires no great amount of reasoning to prove that a four inch tire would assist in keeping it comparatively smooth. Here is a question which might be discussed at the coming municipal elections. We presume the county council would have to deal with the matter.

The first stage in the bogus ballot-box case, but which was really a charge of libel preferred against Messrs. T. S. Carman and F. E. O'Flynn, by Mr. E. Gus Porter, came to an end on Friday evening last, when Mr. A. F. Wood, the presiding magistrate, gave judgment committing Mr. Carman to trial at the next Court. The case against Mr. O'Flynn was dropped. Mr. Carman was admitted to bail on his recognizance of \$1000. The libel charge will be tried at the Spring Assizes. It is said the defence in the libel case will produce some startling revelations when the case comes up at the next court.

#### A Letter To Santa Claus.

A few evenings since a little girl handed us the following letter addressed to "Santa Claus, North Pole," in care of the editor of the NEWS-ARGUS:

Stirling, Ont., Dec. 10, 1904.  
DEAR SANTA CLAUS,—I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Xmas. I heard that you were coming around this year, and I am very glad. Last year you came around and brought me some nice things. We see your picture in nearly every paper we see towards Xmas. I want a doll that opens and shuts her eyes, a pair of skates, and a collar, some candies and nuts, and some for Uncle Fred. I suppose you will have your sleigh full of toys and other things for the girls and boys. I was looking at a picture of you where you were talking through the telephone to a little girl, and your study was full of letters. I suppose you get plenty of them. Well I think I will have to close this time. I remain yours,  
R. M. R.

As Santa Claus is a reader of the NEWS-ARGUS, we have no doubt our little friend's requests will be attended to.

#### Spring Brook.

From Our Correspondent.

The Sabbath School Xmas entertainment will be held in the I. O. F. hall on Friday night, Dec. 23rd.

Mrs. Chas. Wright, of 8th line of Rawdon, who had been ill for some time, died on Saturday. She leaves one son and a daughter, two granddaughters, whom she adopted when small, children of her deceased daughter, Mrs. McCabe, to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Wm. Haggerty, who was accidentally shot three weeks ago, is still living, but cannot recover. She was at a neighbor's home at the time of accident. Her six year old child, finding a loaded rifle, pointed it at her and fired without a moment's warning. The bullet passed through her arm, entered her side, and lodged in her back, where it still remains.

Mr. Jonathan McConnell, formerly of this place, is here from Manitoba for a few weeks' visit.

We regret to have to record the death of Charles Moore, son of Jas. E. Moore. He was a bright young man of 21 years. He spent the harvest season in Manitoba, returning home on the 2nd of Nov. He had not been feeling well for the last few weeks, but was not confined to the house, in fact being out around the day preceding his death. His was a sudden call. He was buried on Sunday, the funeral being conducted by the Orange order. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the parents and family in their sad bereavement.

The Rawdon Conservative Association held its annual meeting at the town hall on Monday night. Mr. T. C. McConnell was again chosen president for the next year.

Some small boys have been marching the street with lanterns, doing damage to property, not caring where they shoot. In one instance life might have been lost. If persisted in steps will be taken to punish the offenders.

#### Chatterton Chips

From our Correspondent.

The annual meeting of the Eclipse cheese factory was held last Friday, and resulted in the return of the old board of directors, with Henry Graham as president. There have been over four hundred dollars expended in repairs on the building this fall, and they now have an up-to-date factory and will doubtless turn out better cheese than ever, though our cheese has always stood high on the market. They paid \$18.43 per standard this year up to the first of November.

Our young people are preparing a Christmas entertainment for the Sunday School, to be held in the church on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd. Bring your best girl, for we always have a good time, and "dinner forgot," as our friend of London Hill would say.

Get your Christmas present ready, and look after the turkey, which, by the way, will have to be something else for the most of us this year.

Jas. Farney has sunk a well near his new barn, which will be a convenience. He has a fine barn and is trying to have things handy.

Are our municipal candidates asleep? They are keeping very quiet. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. S. Russell, ex-M.P.P. for East Hastings, has been appointed Registrar for the county of Hastings.

Mr. James A. Chisholm, a well known insurance agent of Belleville, died at his son's residence in Sidney. He was in his 70th year.

#### James V. Blackley.

The community in and around Stirling, where J. V. Blackley was so well known, was greatly stirred by the unexpected and startling news of his death at Toronto on Saturday Dec. 8th. He was born in Stirling on March 28th, 1855, being the youngest of a family of six, four of whom are still living, viz., Mrs. T. O'Dell, of Burlington, Ont., Mrs. Wm. Hamford, of Port Nelson, Ont., Mrs. J. Tufford, of Buffalo, N.Y., and Mrs. E. L. Palen, of Belleville, Ont. The other sister, Mrs. Norman Latham, of Brockville, Ont., died last year. For a number of years Mr. Blackley did an extensive and successful business in the cultivation of hops, in the interest of which he was required to spend most of the winter seasons in travelling through Ontario and parts of Quebec. After a time he relinquished the hop industry and engaged in the blacksmith trade, which he had learned in youth. In this he proved himself to be a skillful mechanic, and gave satisfaction to his many patrons. His disposition was kind and genial, his manner courteous and obliging, winning for him, both in business and social circles many friends. Nature had endowed him with a good musical talent, which he had carefully cultivated. This he used to great advantage for many years in the Methodist Church choir, of which he was for some time leader, and also in the Stirling brass band. He was indeed a man of great possibilities, but death claimed him in life's prime. The body was brought to his native village for interment on Monday, Dec. 6th, and great respect was shown to his memory by a number of his life-long acquaintances and friends. He is survived by a widow, who is a daughter of the late Henry Chisholm, formerly of Stirling, and one son, both of whom have the profound sympathy of the entire community.—COM.

#### A Surprise Party

Met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Sils, who are about to remove to Belleville, and presented the following address, and each with an easy chair, after which an enjoyable evening was spent.

TO MR. AND MRS. S. D. SILS.  
DEAR FRIENDS,—We, your neighbors and friends, having learned that you intend to remove from our midst, have gathered here this evening for the purpose of spending a few hours in social intercourse together, and also that we may in some degree express our sincere regret at your departure from among us.

We remember that for some thirty-five years and upwards you have been with us, citizens of the township of Rawdon. Here you have raised your family of boys, who, although they have gone out into the busy world, still look back with respect and reverence to the home of their childhood. And here, too, you and your estimable wife have formed social relations which we shall continue to hold in such pleasant remembrance that even separation cannot soon obliterate.

And now, as a parting token of our good will and esteem, we beg that you kindly accept these chairs, and trust that they may serve to keep green in your memory the old friends whom you are now leaving behind in Rawdon,—friends who heartily join in wishing you a merry Christmas, and a future that will be happy and prosperous, not only as it pertains to temporal, but also to spiritual and eternal things.

Signed on behalf of the community,  
MRS. E. CAVERLEY,  
MRS. CLARA V. SINE,  
MRS. JAS. STOUT,  
MRS. WM. FARRELL.

A Toronto woman has been awarded \$1200 in a breach of promise suit.

Major Rathbun has accepted the Liberal nomination for East Hastings.

A rich copper mine is said to have been discovered in the township of Hudson, about five miles from New Liskeard, in the Temiskaming district.

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# The Price of Liberty

OR, A MIDNIGHT CALL

## CHAPTER XXIX.

Chris gave Henson one swift searching glance before her eyes dropped demurely to the ground. Lord Littimer appeared to be taking no heed of anything but his own annoyance. But quick as Chris had been, Henson was quicker. He was smiling the slow, sad smile of the man who turns the other cheek because it is his duty to do so.

"And when does Dr. Bell arrive?" he asked.

"He won't arrive at all," Littimer said, irritably. "Do you suppose I am going to allow that scoundrel under my roof again? The amazing impudence of the fellow is beyond everything. He will probably reach Moreton Station by the ten o'clock train. The drive will take him an hour, if I choose to permit the drive, which I don't. I'll send a groom to meet the train with a letter. When Bell has read that letter he will not come here."

"I don't think I should do that," Henson said, respectfully.

"Indeed! You are really a clever fellow. And what would you do?"

"I should suffer Bell to come. As a Christian I should deem it my duty to do so. It pains me to say so, but I am afraid that I cannot contravert your suggestion that Bell is a scoundrel. It grieves me to prove any man that. And in the present instance the proofs were overpowered. But there is always a chance—a chance that we have misjudged a man on false evidence."

"False evidence! Why, the Rembrandt was actually found in Bell's portmanteau."

"Dear friend, I know it," Henson said, with the same slow, forgiving smile. "But there have been cases of black treachery, dark conspiracies that one abhors. And Bell might have made some stupendous discovery regarding his character. I should see him, my lord, oh, yes, I should most undoubtedly see him."

"And so should I," Chris put in, swiftly.

Littimer smiled, with all traces of his ill-temper gone. He seemed to be contemplating Henson with his head on one side, and to fathom that gentleman's intentions. There was just the suspicion of contempt in his glance.

"In the presence of so much goodness and beauty I feel quite lost," he said. "Very well, Henson, I'll see Bell. I may find the interview diverting."

Henson strolled away with a sigh of gentle pleasure. Once out of sight he flew to the library, where he scribbled a couple of telegrams. They were carefully worded and related to some apocryphal parcel required without delay and calculated to convey nothing to the lay mind. A servant was dispatched to the village with them. Henson would have been anything but pleased had he known that the fascinating little American had waylaid his messenger and read his telegrams with the plea of verifying the addresses.

A moment or two later and those addresses were carefully noted down in a pocket-book.

It was past five before Chris found herself with a little time on her hands again. Littimer had kept her pretty busy all the afternoon, partly because there was too much to do, but partly from the pleasure that he derived from his secretary's society. He was more free with her than he had been with any of her sex for years. It was satisfactory, too, to learn that Littimer regarded Henson as an smug and oily hypocrite, and that the latter was only going to be left Littimer Castle to spite the owner's other relations.

"Now you run into the garden and get a blow," Littimer said at length. "I am feeling a lot too much. I am afraid you are a most insinuating young person."

Chris ran out into the garden gaily. Despite the crushing burden on her shoulders she felt an elation and a flow of spirits she had not been con-

scious of for years. The invigorating air of the place seemed to have got into her veins, the cruel depression of the House of the Silent Sorrow was passing away.

Again, she had hope and youth on her side, and everything was falling out beautifully. It was a pleasant world than Chris had anticipated.

She went along more quietly after a time. There was a tiny arbour on a terrace overlooking the sea to which Chris had taken a particular fancy. She picked her way daintily along the grass paths between the roses until she suddenly emerged upon the terrace. She had popped out of the roses swiftly as a squirrel peeps from a tree.

Somebody was in the arbour, two people talking earnestly. One man stood up with his back to Chris, one hand gripping the outside ragged bark of the arbour frame with a peculiarly nervous, restless force. Chris could see the hand turned back distinctly. A piece of bark was being crumpled under a strong thumb. Such a thumb! Chris had seen nothing like it before.

It was as if at some time it had been smashed flat with a hammer, a broad, strong, cruel-looking thumb, flat and sinister-looking as the head of a snake. In the centre, like a pink pearl dropped in a filthy gutter, was one tiny, perfectly-formed nail. The owner of the thumb stopped and looked back at Chris. He turned slightly aside and his eyes met those of Chris. They were small eyes set in a coarse, brutal face, the face of a criminal, Chris thought, if she were a judge of such matters. It came quite as a shock to see that the stranger was in clerical garb, the stranger who had been talking to her.

"I beg your pardon," Chris stammered. "But I—"

Henson emerged from the arbour. For once in a way he appeared confused, there was a flush on his face that told of annoyance ill suppressed.

"Please don't go away," he said. "Mr. Merritt will think that he has alarmed you. Miss Lee, this is my very good friend and co-worker in the field, the Reverend James Merritt."

"Is Mr. Merritt a friend of Lord Littimer's?" Chris asked, demurely.

"Littimer hates the cloth," Henson replied. "Indeed, he has no sympathy whatever with my work. I met my good friend quite by accident in the village just now, and brought him here for a chat. Mr. Merritt is taking a well-earned holiday."

Chris replied graciously that she didn't doubt it. She did not deem it necessary to add that she knew that one of Mr. Henson's mystic telegrams had been addressed to one James Merritt at an address in Moreton Wells, a town some fifteen miles away. That the scoundrel was up to no good she knew perfectly well.

"Your work must be very interesting," she said. "Have you been in the Church long, Mr. Merritt?"

Merritt said hoarsely that he had not been in the Church very long. His dreadful grin and fog voice suggested that he was a brand plucked from the burning. That he had only recently come over to the side of the angels. The whole time he spoke he never met Chris's glance once. The chaplain of a convict prison would have turned from him in disgust. Henson was obviously ill at ease. In his suave, diplomatic way he contrived to manoeuvre Merritt off the ground at length.

"An excellent fellow," he said, with exaggerated enthusiasm. "It was a great day for us when we won over James Merritt. He can reach a class which hitherto we have not touched."

"He looks as if he had been in gaol," Chris said.

"Oh, he has," Henson admitted, candidly. "Many a time."

Chris deemed it just possible that the unpleasant experience might be

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endured again, but she only smiled and expressed herself to be deeply interested. The uneasiness in Henson's manner gradually disappeared. Evidently the girl suspected nothing. She would have liked to have asked a question or two about Mr. Merritt's thumb, but she deemed it prudent not to do so.

Dinner came at length, dinner served in the great hall in honor of the recently arrived guest, and set up in all the panoply and splendor that Littimer affected at times. The best plate was laid out on the long table. There were banks and copies of flowers at either corner, a huge palm nodded over silver and glass and priceless china. The softly shaded electric lights made pools of amber flame on fruit and flowers and gleaming crystal. Half-a-dozen big footmen went about their work with noiseless tread.

Henson shook his head playfully at all this show and splendor. The good humor was of the elephantine order, and belied the drawn anxiety of his eyes. Luxurious and peaceful as the scene was, there seemed to Chris to be a touch of electricity in the air, the suggestion of something about to happen. Littimer glanced at her admiringly. She was dressed in white satin, and she had in her hair a single diamond star of price. "Of course, Henson, pretends to condemn all this kind of thing," Littimer said. "He would have you believe that when he comes into his own plate and wine will be sold for the benefit of the poor, and the seats of the mighty filled with decayed governesses and antiquated shop-walkers."

"I hope that time may long be deferred," Henson murmured. "And so do I," Littimer said, drily, "which is one of the disadvantages of being conservative. By the way, who was that truculent-looking scoundrel I saw with you this afternoon?"

Henson hastened to explain. Littimer was emphatically of opinion that such visitors were better kept at a distance for the present. When all the rare plate and treasures of Littimer Castle had been disposed of for philanthropic purposes it would not matter.

"There was a time when the enterprising burglar got his knowledge of the domestic and physical geography of a house from the servants. Now he reforms, with the great advantage that he can lay his plan of campaign from personal observation. It is a much more admirable method, and tends to avert suspicion from the actual criminal."

"You would not speak thus if you knew Merritt," said Henson.

"All the same, I don't want the privilege," Littimer smiled. "A man with a face like that couldn't reform; nature would resent such an enormity. And yet you can never tell. Physically speaking, my quondam friend Hatherly Bell has a perfect face."

"I confess I am anxious to see him," Chris said. "I—I heard him lecture in America. He had the most interesting theory about dogs. Mr. Henson hates dogs."

"Yes," Henson said, shortly. "I do and they hate me, but I have never prevented my being interested in the coming of Dr. Bell. And nobody hopes more sincerely than myself that he will succeed in clearly vindicating his character."

Littimer smiled sarcastically as he trifled with his claret glass. In his cynical way he was looking forward to an interview with a certain sense of amusement. And there was a time when he had enjoyed Bell's society immensely.

"Well, you will not have long to wait now," he said. "It is long past ten, and Bell is due at any moment after eleven. Coffee in the balcony, please."

It was a gloriously warm night with just a faint suspicion of a breeze on the air. Down below the cliff, on the grassy slopes a belated lamb was bleating for its dam. Chris strolled quietly down the garden with her mind at peace for a time. She had almost forgotten her mission for the moment. A figure slipped gently past her on the

grass, but she utterly failed to notice it.

"An exceedingly nice girl, that," Littimer was saying. "Quite distinctly attractive. Excuse me if I leave you here—a tendency to ague and English night air don't blend together."

## CHAPTER XXX.

It was the very moment that Henson had been waiting for. All his listlessness had vanished. He sprang to his feet and made his way hurriedly across the lawn. Dark as it was, he slipped along with the ease of one who is familiar with every inch of the ground. A man of his weight and half his age could have been no more active.

He advanced to what seemed to be the very edge of the cliff and disappeared. There were rocks and grassy knolls which served as landmarks to him. A slip of the foot might have resulted in a serious accident. Above the gloom a head appeared.

"That you, Merritt?" Henson asked, hoarsely.

"Oh, it's me right enough," came the muttered reply. "Good job as I'm used to a seafaring life or I should never have got up those cliffs. Where's the girl?"

"Oh, the girl's right enough. She's standing where she can hear the cry of the suffering in distress. You can leave that part of the drama to me. She's a smart girl with plenty of pluck, but all the same I am going to make use of her. Have you got the things?"

"Got everything, pardner. Got a proper wipe over the skull, too."

"How on earth did you manage to do that?"

"Meddling with Bell, of course. Why didn't you let him come and produce his picture in peace? We should have been all ready to flabbergaster him when he did come."

"My good Merritt, I have not the slightest doubt about it. My plans are too carefully laid for them to go astray. But, at the same time, I firmly believe in having more than two ways of escape. If we could have despoiled Bell of his picture it would have been utterly useless for him to have come here. He would have gone back preferring to accept defeat at arriving with a cock-and-bull story to the effect that he had been robbed of his treasure on the way. And so he got the best of you, eh?"

"Rather! I fancied that I was pretty strong, but—well, it doesn't matter. Here I am with the tools, and I am going to fail this time. Before Bell comes the little trap will be ready and you will be able to prove an alibi."

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"Get along," he said. "There is no time to lose."

Merritt nodded and began to make his way upward. Some way above him Chris was looking down. Her quick ear had detected some suspicious sound. She watched eagerly. Just below her the big electric light on the castle tower cast a band of flame athwart the cliff. Chris looked down steadily at this. Presently she saw a hand uplifted into the belt of flame, a hand grasping for a ledge under the wall. She watched eagerly. The thumb on the hand was smashed flat, there was a tiny pink nail in the centre.

Chris's heart gave one quick leap, then her sense came back to her. She needed nobody to tell her that the owner of the hand was James Merritt. Nor did she require any fine discrimination to perceive that he was up to no good. That it had something to do with the plot against Bell she felt certain. But the man was coming now, he could only reach the top of the cliffs just under the wall where she was standing. Chris peered eagerly down into the path of light until the intruder looked up. Then she jerked back, forgetting that she was in the darkness and absolutely invisible. The action was disastrous, however, for it shook Chris's diamond star from her head, and it fell gently almost at the feet of the climber. An instant later and his eyes had fallen upon it.

"What luck," he cried hoarsely. "I suppose the girl yonder must have dropped it over. Well, it is as good as a couple of hundred pound to me, anyway. Little missie, you'd better take a tearful farewell of your

lumps of sugar, as you'll never see them again."

To Chris's quivering indignation he slipped the star into his breast-pocket. Just for the moment the girl was on the point of crying out. She was glad she had refrained a second after, for a really brilliant thought occurred to her. She had never evolved anything more clever in her life, but she did not quite realize that as yet.

Nearer and nearer the man with the maimed thumb came. Chris stepped back into the shadow. She waited till the intruder had slipped past her in the direction of the castle and prepared to follow at a discreet distance. Whatever he was after, she felt sure he was being ordered and abetted by Reginald Henson. Two minutes, five minutes, elapsed before she moved.

What was that? Surely a voice somewhere near her moaning for help. Chris stood perfectly still listening for the next cry. Her sense of humanity had been touched, she had forgotten Merritt entirely. Again the stifled cry for help came.

"Who are you?" Chris shouted. "And where are you?"

"Henson," came the totally unexpected reply. "I'm down below on a ledge of rock. No, I'm not particularly badly hurt, but I dare not move."

Chris paused for a moment, utterly bewildered. Henson must have been on the look-out for his accomplice, she thought and had missed his footing and fallen. Pity he had not fallen a little farther, she murmured, bitterly, and broken his neck. But this was only for a moment, and her sense of justice and humanity speedily returned.

"I cannot see anything of you," she said. (To Be Continued.)

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**Notice To Creditors**

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM  
SIMPSON, late of the Township of Rawdon,  
in the County of Hastings, yeoman, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Re-  
vised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec.  
28, to all creditors and other persons having  
claims against the estate of William Simp-  
son, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the  
County of Hastings, yeoman, deceased, who  
died on or about the 20th day of October, A.D.  
1904, to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise to  
deliver to John Simpson, Esq., Spring Brook,  
Ont., Executors of the estate of the late William  
Simpson, on or before the 17th day of December,  
1904, a statement in writing of their claims  
and addresses, and full particulars of the  
nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after the  
date above mentioned, the said executors will  
proceed to distribute the assets of the said  
deceased amongst the persons entitled there-  
to, having regard only to the claims notice of  
which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are  
also hereby notified to hand in the amount of  
their indebtedness to the said Executors, on  
or before the said 17th day of December, 1904.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,  
Solicitor for Executors.

Dated the 22nd day of November, A.D. 1904.

**Clubbing List.**

The News-Argus will club with the  
following papers at the rates mentioned:  
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**Her First Stage Speech.**  
It was at the mature age of three  
that Mrs. Kendal—then Madge Robert-  
son—made her first appearance on the  
stage. The theater was the Maryle-  
bone, in London, then under the man-  
agement of her father, and the play  
was "The Seven Poor Travelers." Her  
part was that of a blind child, and at  
the rehearsals it had been impressed  
upon her that she must keep her eyes  
shut in order that the audience should  
think she could not see. "Under the  
circumstances," says a writer, "it need  
hardly be said that the first thing she  
did on going on the stage was to open  
her eyes as widely as she could. Sit-  
ting in the front row of the pit, which  
then corresponded to the boxes, 'Baby  
Madge' saw a favorite servant who  
had been allowed to go to the theater  
in order to witness her debut. For the  
part the child had been provided with  
new shoes. Proud of their possession  
and with supreme disregard for the  
eternal fitness of things, the little girl  
stalked down the aisles and, ad-  
dressing the servant, said, 'Sarah, look  
at my new shoes!'"

**A Friend of Washington.**  
While many persons have known  
Lincoln and Grant and a few were ac-  
quainted with Washington and Lin-  
coln, so far as I am aware but one per-  
son was ever born into this world who  
knew the triumvirate of uncrowned  
American kings. That individual was  
Horace Binney, leader of the Philadel-  
phia bar and among the foremost lead-  
ers of the profession throughout the  
land, with whom I spent a memorable  
hour in the year 1874. During that de-  
lightful interview he stated that when  
a youth his home was near President  
Washington's Philadelphia residence,  
that he had met him almost daily for  
several years and that he frequently  
held conversations with the general.  
Mr. Binney also mentioned the inter-  
esting fact that he had been acquaint-  
ed with every president of the United  
States up to the time of Grant, dur-  
ing whose second administration he  
passed away at the great age of nine-  
ty-five.—General James Grant Wilson  
in Cornhill Magazine.

**Maddening Silence.**  
In the rainless interior of Australia  
there is very little animal or bird life,  
and what birds there are are voiceless.  
This absence of singing birds renders  
the bush almost as silent as the grave.  
This deathlike silence has a peculiar  
depressing effect. If two men are  
camped in the bush and one of them  
goes to a distant township to get pro-  
visions while the other remains behind  
to look after the camp, the man who is  
to remain says to his mate, "Don't you  
be long away; you know what kind of  
a place this is to live in by yourself." If  
his mate is away for two or three  
days the silence gets upon the man's  
nerves, and in the end he shouts in or-  
der to make a noise, and then he is  
afraid of the sound of his own voice.

**The First Printer.**  
In the language of the high school  
graduate, "history says" that Johann  
Gansfleisch of the Gutenberg family  
was the first to use movable type and  
on that account should be set down as  
the "father of printing," but the inves-  
tigators (not the historians) tell us that  
the same system was practiced by  
Lawrence Costar, a Hollander, a long  
sixteen years previous to Gutenberg's  
so called discovery, in the year 1422.  
Nor is this all. We find proof in the  
sands of the Egyptian and Asian deserts  
in the shape of stamped bricks (some  
from the identical tower of Babel)  
that the principles upon which the art  
ultimately developed existed hun-  
dreds of years before the birth of Christ.

**A Good Reputation.**  
A good reputation is a good invest-  
ment, but the only way of securing a  
permanent investment of good reputa-  
tion is by putting a good character at  
interest. "A good name is rather to be  
chosen than great riches," but it is  
often easier to get a character that  
shall be the basis of a good name. A  
man may inherit his father's riches,  
but a man cannot bequeath his charac-  
ter to his favorite son.

**A Quaint Epitaph.**

A good tombstone inscription to add  
to your collection is given in a recent  
book. It is said to be of seventeenth  
century date and runs as follows:

Here lies the body of Thomas Woodhen,  
The Kindest of Husbands, the best of men.

And directly under the inscription  
the explanation, "His name was Wood-  
cock, but that would not come in the  
rhyme."

**"A Soft Answer" Etc.**

Mrs. Bussybody—Goodby, dear Mrs.  
Winsom. Before I go I think it is my  
duty to tell you that your husband  
was seen in a very questionable place  
of entertainment last night. Mrs. Win-  
som—Really! Sorry to hear that! I  
suppose that is where they went when  
your husband called for him.

**A Moot Point.**

"The Mothers' club is to discuss an  
important question tomorrow after-  
noon."  
"What is that?"  
"Is one justified in promising the  
moon to a baby who cries for it?"

**Getting Serious.**

You look hopeful. What's going on?"  
"The doctors have begun to issue bul-  
letins concerning the condition of that  
rich uncle of mine who has been hang-  
ing on for so long."

**Contrasted With Men.**

One advantage about a pet dog is  
that he never smiles sardonically when  
a girl hits her thumb instead of the  
tail when she's hanging a picture.—  
Baltimore American.



Miss Hapgood tells how she  
escaped an awful operation by  
using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-  
table Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered  
for four years with what the doctors  
called Salpingitis (inflammation of the  
fallopian tubes and ovaries), which is a  
most distressing and painful ailment,  
affecting all the surrounding parts,  
undermining the constitution, and sap-  
ping the life forces. If you had seen  
me a year ago, before I began taking  
Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable  
Compound, and had noticed the  
sunken eyes, sallow complexion, and  
general emaciated condition, and com-  
puted that person with me as I am to-  
day, robust, hearty and well, you  
would not wonder that I feel thankful  
to you and your wonderful medicine,  
which restored me to new life and  
health in five months, and saved me  
from an awful operation."—Miss Hap-  
good, 1023 Sandwich St. Windsor,  
Ont.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter  
proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Ovaritis or inflammation of the  
ovaries or fallopian tubes which adjoin  
the ovaries may result from sudden  
stopping of the monthly flow, from  
inflammation of the womb, and many  
other causes. The slightest indication  
of trouble with the ovaries, indicated  
by dull throbbing pain in the side, ac-  
companied by heat and shooting pains,  
should claim your instant attention.  
It will not cure itself, and a hospital  
operation, with all its terrors, may  
easily result from neglect.

**An Ancient Highland Custom.**

In the western highlands of Scotland  
an ancient custom suggestive of the  
pre-Christian days is still in force.  
When a child is born all the old women  
of the neighborhood meet in the house  
and place a straw rope around the  
child's neck. At the same time they  
chant a curious charm, which is sup-  
posed to ward off fairies and evil spir-  
its. So great an importance do the in-  
habitants attach to this ceremony that  
they believe it would be a "tempting  
of Providence" to neglect it. When any  
one dies the relatives dig the grave,  
taking the greatest possible care to re-  
move every stone from the mold. Stones  
in the grave interfere, it is said, with  
the rest of the dead. Also they are  
particular to cut the turf which is to  
cover the mound in one piece, as  
otherwise they believe water would get  
into the grave and make the body un-  
comfortable.

**Genius at Her Feet.**

Mrs. Yorke, wife of the dean of Wor-  
cester, once described an incident of  
her acquaintance with Thackeray. She  
happened, she said, to be sitting one  
evening between Thackeray and Jacob  
Ommum, whose build was even more  
gigantic than Thackeray's own. Con-  
versation, from some cause unknown,  
was languishing, when Thackeray turned  
to her and said, "Mrs. Yorke, why are  
you so silent?" "I am overwhelmed  
by the greatness of you two," she re-  
plied, glancing right and left at their  
unsuspecting frames. Thereupon, moved by  
common impulse, Thackeray and Jacob  
slid from their chairs and sat on the  
ground at her feet, "as a slight token  
of homage to one whose wit equaled  
her beauty."

Nova Scotia Conservatives have pro-  
tested ten of the elections to the Com-  
mons in that Province.

Three of the recent Dominion elec-  
tions in Ontario have been protested—  
Wentworth, North Grey and Norfolk.

**Must Be Quick.**

Pains in the stomach and attacks of the  
colic come on so suddenly and are so ex-  
tremely painful that immediate relief  
must be obtained. There is no necessity  
of sending for a doctor in such cases if a  
bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera  
and Diarrhoea Remedy is at hand. No doctor  
can prescribe a better medicine. For sale  
by Morley & Haight.

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amount of money. The owner can have  
the same by calling at this office.**

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Girls' Neat Skating Boots.

" Fancy German Slippers, every shade and style.

" Cardigan Overshoes. Girls' Moccasins.

Children's Felt Slippers and Fancy Carpet Slippers.

" Moccasins, (fancy).

" Santa Claus Slippers.

" Fleecy Lined Boots.

**FOR THE MEN.**

Men's Fancy Opera Slippers. Men's Velvet Slippers.

" Fine Carpet Slippers. " Fine Overshoes.

" Fine Dongola, Box Calf or Patent Boots, \$1.50 to \$5.00.

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the fur dealer, to pay his respects to you, that is if you wish  
to purchase cheap at up-stairs value he will show you every  
attention. This is his special line now, and hope to remain  
in it for some years yet, for the fur trade requires one man's  
whole attention. Fine stock of Men's Coon Coats and Dyed  
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require up here from a Sable Muff to a Gentleman's Fur Lined  
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**Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Shamrock  
Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at  
the factory, on Friday, Dec. 16th, at the  
hour of one o'clock, p.m., for the transac-  
tion of the general business of the com-  
pany.

J. W. SAGER, President.

**Plum Grove Cheese Factory.**

The annual meeting of the Plum Grove  
Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at  
the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at one  
o'clock, for the purpose of the transaction  
of all business in connection with the  
company.

FRED. FANNING, Pres.

**High Thinking and Old Age.**

That mental power helps to keep the  
body strong and to preserve it from  
decay cannot be doubted. The longest  
lived men and women have been, as a  
rule, those who have attained great  
mental and moral development. They  
have lived on a higher plane than other  
men, in a serene upper region, above  
the jar, tumult and fret that weaken  
most lives. It was at the age of sev-  
enty-two that the Count de Tressan  
recomposed his old chivalric romances  
and wrote a history of the progress of  
the human mind. Herbert Spencer,  
one of the deepest thinkers and hard-  
est workers of his day, passed away  
at the age of eighty-three.—William  
Matthews in Saturday Evening Post.

**Excess and Deficiency.**

Error and evil are located in deficien-  
cy or excess. Even excess in virtue is  
evil, an excess of humility being ab-  
jectness; of courage, rashness; of pru-  
dence, cowardice; of patience, indiffer-  
ence; of economy, parsimony; of gen-  
erosity, waste; of deference, obsequious-  
ness. And so also an excess of learn-  
ing is pedantry; of ease, indolence; of  
comfort, self indulgence; of zeal, fan-  
tasticism. Right and justice are found  
in moderation, in the golden mean, in  
the true balance, between overdoing  
and underdoing, going too fast and too  
slow.—From "Balance: The Fundamen-  
tal Verity," by Orlando J. Smith.

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sertion, 3c. per line each subsequent in-  
sertion.

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tions inserted till forbid, and charged accord-  
ingly.

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cuted in neat and fashionable style, and on  
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Gentlemen, anything in this list will be acceptable to the Ladies for Xmas.

Fur Jacket, Cloth Jacket, Sable Ruffs, Collars or Muffs, Capes, Fur Boas, Fur Gauntlets, Golf Jerseys, Silk Handkerchiefs, Lace Handkerchiefs, Linen Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Silk Parasols, fancy handles, Toilet Sets, Purses, etc.

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Chenille Curtains, \$3.25 to \$11.00. Chenille Table Covers, 60, 75c. to \$2.50.  
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See our Toys and Fancy Dishes. Something for everybody.

**A Fresh Stock of GROCERIES always on hand.**

Candies, 3 lbs.	25c.	Raisins, 3 lbs.	25c.
Finest Creams, 1 lb.	15c.	Currants, 3 1/2 lbs.	25c.
Peanuts, 1 lb.	15c.	Finest Peels, per lb.	25c.
Walnuts and Almonds per lb.	20c.	Oranges, per doz.	30c.
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Here Are a Few Specials:—

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Ladies' Gold Bracelets	\$12.00.
Comb and Brush Sets	\$1.00 to \$7.50.
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Work Boxes	75c.
Necktie Boxes	50c. and 75c.
Collar and Cuff Boxes	75c. to \$2.75.
Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, with pearl and gold handles,	\$5.00 to \$8.00.

We invite you to see our line of Xmas Goods, which you will find larger and better assorted than ever before.

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### Municipal Nominations.

There has been a change in the law regarding nominations for municipal offices. An amendment to the Municipal Act passed last session enacts as follows:

"In cities, towns and incorporated villages every candidate for mayor, reeve, controller, water commissioner, shall on the day of nomination or at any time before nine o'clock in the forenoon on the following day, or, when such last named day is a holiday, then before 12 o'clock noon of the following day, file in the office of the municipality a statutory declaration in accordance with the form contained in section 311 of this Act, or to the like effect, that he possesses the necessary qualification for the office, and in default of his so doing, such candidate shall be deemed to have resigned, and his name shall be removed from the list of candidates and shall not be printed on the ballot paper."

It will be noticed that this does not apply to townships.

### St. Michael's Church, Belleville, Destroyed by Fire.

St. Michael's Church, the only Roman Catholic Church in Belleville, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning last. The fire was discovered about 1.15, and when the firemen got there the entire interior was a mass of flames, which were bursting out of the windows and doors. A few minutes after the firemen arrived the roof fell in. Only the massive stone walls are now standing.

St. Michael's Church was the best building in the city, and its altar was not surpassed in any small sized city in Ontario. The church was of Gothic architecture, its massive stone walls giving the idea of enduring solidity. The interior of the church was imposing to a degree, containing masterpieces of art, polished marble pillars and some almost priceless souvenirs. But it was on the altar most of the expense was lavished. The ladies of the Sodality liked nothing so well as adding to its beauty.

The loss sustained cannot be expressed in figures, as some of the things lost cannot be replaced, but a conservative estimate places the loss at over \$75,000. The church was built about 16 years ago, and was in splendid repair.

How the fire originated is not known. There had been no fire in the furnace for some days, but there had been fire in the basement.

There was an insurance of \$20,000 on the interior decorations of the church.

### Reply to Address.

Last week we published an account of a surprise party and address to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Sills, at which over one hundred friends were present, and Mr. and Mrs. Sills were presented with two beautiful chairs. Mr. Sills did not hand in his reply in time to be published at the same time, and it is given below:

To OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS—I find it very difficult to find words to express the deep sense of gratitude I feel towards you all for this token of friendship and esteem to myself and Mrs. Sills. God's word tells us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," but receiving on this occasion gives me great happiness.

I have resided in this township for upwards of thirty-five years, and it could hardly be expected that I can break associations, many of which have been very pleasant, without feeling regret, although our removal, I am happy to say, will not place us beyond the reach of our friends, and we shall at any time be pleased to see any of you in our new home. I am sure you all know I have never been a proud man, so that residence in the city is not likely to change my feelings. With reference to the very comfortable as well as beautiful chairs you have given us, you must think our working days are over. Mrs. Sills and myself again extend our heartfelt thanks and join in wishing you all prosperity in this life and a hope that we may all meet in a bright home above.

### The Slaughter of Deer.

The Canadian Express Company has made a report to Chief Game Warden Tinsley, showing that the number of deer carried out of the woods this fall by that company was 2,522. They had an aggregate weight of 255,847 lbs., and brought in to the express company a revenue of \$3,011.71, or almost \$1.25 per head.

A year ago the same company carried 2,950, or 428 more than this year. But last year was an exceptional year for hunters. Two years ago the number carried was 2,236, or 286 less than this year, which has been accordingly a pretty successful year.

## REMITTANCES.

We have the best of facilities for remitting money to all points in Canada, United States, Europe and all parts of the World.

**SIMPLE. SAFE. CHEAP.**

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**The Sovereign Bank of Canada.**

STIRLING BRANCH.

W. M. CHANDLER, Manager.

### Wellman's Corners

From Our Correspondent.

The Orangemen here are intending to have a great tea meeting on the evening of the 28th of this month. A fine programme is being prepared, and everybody is expecting a good time. One half of the proceeds is to be donated to the trustees of the cemetery for the purpose of repairing it. The silent city needs badly a new fence, and the brethren of L. O. L. 172 are generously giving this aid toward it.

Miss French, of Elgin county, who applied for the position of teacher in the public School here, vacated by Mr. McDonald, has been accepted, and will begin her labors at the close of the vacation.

There was no service in the church here on Sunday on account of the Bethel anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brennan are rejoicing over the birth of their first son.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wellman are also exulting over the birth of a son, not their first, however, but the first that has visited their home in a number of years.

Miss Fletcher of Stirling, who has been pursuing her avocation in this vicinity, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Wm. Brennan, of Crookston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Brennan.

The Foresters held their usual monthly meeting in the hall on Friday evening last.

The annual meeting of the cheese factory here was held on the 17th. As was expected, the cheeses were not as large as they were last year.

### Harold.

From Our Correspondent.

Mr. Leonard Sine and family have moved to their new home near Frankford. Before they left a surprise party, consisting of a large number of their friends and neighbors, gathered at their home, gave an oyster supper, and spent a very pleasant time. We wish them success in their new home.

Mr. Fred Runge, who has been living with Mr. U. Heath, for some years, has gone to visit his relatives in his native land, Old England.

Mr. T. Cook has returned to his home in Rochester much improved in health, after spending a few weeks with his parents here.

Miss W. Gordanier spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Bailey.

Mr. Bert Lloyd is home again after his visit to the West.

Messrs. Thos. Cook, Jr., and Jas. Bailey were members of the jury in Belleville last week.

Mr. Ashley spent Sunday at Moira.

Miss Maude Summers of Anson spent last week at Mr. Scott's.

Miss S. Knox, of Stirling, was visiting old neighbors here last week.

Messrs. C. Lloyd, George and Earl Bailey, took in the Conservative meeting at Tweed on Thursday.

At the annual factory meeting Mr. John Tanner was re-elected president, and Mr. John West re-engaged as cheesemaker.

Mrs. Fox and son, of Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffs spent Sunday at Mr. Scott's.

Mr. J. A. Potts attended the nomination in Marmora on Monday.

### Madoc Junction Items

From Our Correspondent.

Miss Addie Stapley has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Leslie Dodds. Mr. Robt. Tufts and Miss Jane Stapley were married on Monday evening, the 15th inst.

On account of her approaching marriage, about twenty-five of Miss Mary Juby's many friends gathered at the home of her uncle, Mr. Jas. Juby, on Thursday evening, Dec. 15th, where a very pleasant evening was spent, and presented her with a handsome parlor clock. She will be much missed in the Sabbath School, as she was both teacher and organist, but our loss will be his gain.

### Ridge Road.

Misses Lena Rodgers and Martha Weaver, and Mr. Louis Rodgers spent Sunday with friends in Belleville.

A few of our young folks attended the surprise party given for Miss Tillie Rodgers at W. S. Clarke's, Tuffsville.

Mr. Clarence Lanigan has returned home from Havelock for his holidays.

Mr. Robert Thompson looks more pleasant now, for its another big son.

Miss Annetta Seeley has returned home from Model school.

### A Certain Cure for Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a quick cure is sure to follow. Mr. M. E. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by Morton & Haight.



**"Santa Claus" Headquarters FOR STIRLING.**

**"Sterling Hall."**

Every Department of our most up-to-date stock is brim full of bright things for the holiday buyers. Whether for use or ornament you will most likely find what you want in our stock.

### For Ladies' Wear.

GLOVES in Kid, Mocha and Fleeced. MITTS in Kid, Mocha and Wool. HANDKERCHIEFS, fancies in Linen, Silk and Lawn. COLLARS,—all the latest novelties. NECK SCARFS, in Japan Taffeta Silk. PARASOLS, with covers and pretty pearl handles. WAISTINGS—latest effects in spot Voiles.

### Linen Department.

We have just passed into stock a specially imported lot of Table Linens and Napkins for the Christmas trade, and offer the best possible value in bleached and unbleached Table Linens at 20c. to \$1.25 per yard.

### GIFTS FOR MEN.

Smoking Jackets and Fancy Vests at \$2.00, \$3.50 to \$6.00. Gloves in kid, mocha and fur lined at 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00. Silk Muffler Scarfs at 50c. and 75c. Way's Mufflers, 25, 50, 75c., \$1.00. Silk Handkerchiefs at 25, 50, 75c. Linen Handkerchiefs, 15, 20, 25c. Fancy Sweaters at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50. TIES—Up to the minute in style and colorings, 25c. and 50c.

### FINE FURS.

Our Fur Line is irresistibly strong, combining HIGH QUALITIES at most REASONABLE PRICES. Our stock is still well assorted in Jackets for Ladies and Coats for Men, as well as in Small Furs and Caps. Inspection invited.

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TAPESTRY SQUARES in best designs and colorings:—

3 x 2 1/2 yds. special at \$5.00 each.  
3 x 3 1/2 yds. " at \$7.00 "  
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VELVET SQUARES, \$16 and \$20

We have just received several new lines of real home beautifying Carpets for Holiday selling, including a specially handsome Velvet, regular \$1.25, which is on sale at \$1.00 yd.

### LACE CURTAINS.

A stock of Curtains equal to city requirements is what you will find at "Sterling Hall" as well as ample space in which to show them.

Strong Leaders in Nottingham Curtains at 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Strong Leaders in Swiss at \$3.50 to \$6.50.

Strong Leaders in Irish Point, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

### FANCY GOODS.

Take the stairway to the Second Flat if in search of Novelties in Fancy Goods.

Fancy Lamps,	Dolls,	Fancy China,
Work Boxes,	Photo Albums,	Medallions,
Small Mirrors,	Toys, Games,	Picture Books,
Vases,	Sleighs,	China Figures,

**W. R. MATHER,**

Direct Importer of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.



## Christmas Dinner

Christmas without a turkey would hardly be Christmas to most of us. In the following menu the noble bird occupies central position, but the preparation of his luscious lightness has so often been described that we feel quite safe in assuming that every housewife knows how to roast a turkey. Therefore we will devote our attention to the dishes which shall properly flank him.

**Oyster Soup**—To 1 quart of oysters add 1 cup of water, shake well and strain off. Set the strained liquid over the fire and when boiling hot pour it over a tablespoon each of butter and flour mixed smoothly together. Let cook for a few minutes, stirring well, then add 1 pint of cream, the oysters and seasonings to taste. Cook until the edges of the oysters begin to curl, and serve at once with small brown bread sandwiches, which have been spread with soft butter and tomato catsup.

**Fish Timbales**—Rub together 2 tablespoons each of butter and flour, add 1 cup of hot milk, and stir and cook until it begins to boil. Season with 1 teaspoon of salt, a dash of cayenne, 1/2 teaspoonful of lemon juice, and a teaspoon of finely minced parsley. Add a cup of cold cooked fish, minced fine, heat thoroughly, add the yolks of 3 eggs slightly beaten, and take at once from the fire. When cool fold in the whites of the eggs, which have been whipped to a stiff snow. Fill little timbale molds two-thirds full and bake in a good oven for 15 or 20 minutes. Invert on a heated platter and serve with tomato sauce in which 2 teaspoons of chopped oysters have been stirred.

**Chestnut Stuffing**—Roast 1 quart of large chestnuts until thoroughly well done. Remove the shells and skins and mash smooth. Add a tablespoon of butter or rich cream, a teaspoon of salt, and 3 dashes of white pepper. Mix well together and stuff the turkey. It will require more for a large turkey. Should any be left, mold into little cakes, egg and bread-crumbs, and bake for 10 minutes in a hot oven. Serve as a garnish around the turkey.

**Cranberry Jelly**—To 1 quart of cranberries add 1/2 pint of water. Cover closely and cook 5 minutes over a quick fire. Crush with a wooden or silver spoon such of the cranberries as have not burst, and rub through a colander. Put the strained pulp back into the saucepan, add 1/2 pint of granulated sugar, and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Turn into four small molds and set in a cold place until firm. Cranberries should always be cooked in a porcelain or enameled saucepan.

**Brussels Sprouts**—Wash and pick over the sprouts and steam until tender. Cook 1/2 tablespoon of minced onion in 2 tablespoons of butter for 5 minutes, add the sprouts, and cook 5 minutes longer. Drain, dip in egg batter slightly seasoned with salt and pepper, and fry in smoking hot fat.

**French Dressing**—To 2 tablespoons of sharp vinegar add salt until it can be plainly tasted, and a little white pepper. Add to the seasoned vinegar 6 tablespoons of olive oil, and sprinkle over the prepared lettuce in the salad bowl. Turn the lettuce carefully that it may be evenly covered, and serve very cold.

**Cheese Straws**—Roll puff paste the same thickness as for pies. Cut in strips 6 inches long and 1/2 inch in width. Lay on baking sheets, leaving a space between the straws a third the width of the straws. Scatter lightly seasoned grated cheese thickly over the straws and the

spaces between, and bake 10 or 12 minutes in a hot oven. Cut between the spaces through the cheese with a sharp knife, and pile neatly on a heated dish.

**Frozen Rice Pudding**—Wash well 1 cup rice, and put it in a double boiler with 1 pint of cold water. Cook 1 hour, then drain, and cover with 1 pint of milk and cook until tender. Whip 1 quart of good sweet cream to a froth. Stand it in a cold place to drain. Rub the rice through a sieve and return to the boiler. Beat together until light 1 1/2 cups of sugar and the yolks of 6 eggs. Add to the rice, stir and cook for a few minutes, until it begins to thicken. Then remove from the fire and when slightly cool flavor with a tablespoon of vanilla. When perfectly cold turn into the freezer, and when frozen to a soft mush stir in the whipped cream. Freeze like ice cream. Pack in ice and salt for several hours. Serve with a compote of oranges, peaches or apricots, or any rich preserved fruit preferred.

**Peach Trifle**—Line a deep glass dish with coconut macaroons. Cover with a thick layer of sweetened whipped cream, sprinkle with chopped blanched almonds, and cover with another layer of peaches. Add more of the whipped cream, nuts and peaches until the dish is full, having the last layer of the cream nearest the top. Stand on ice for half an hour before serving. This is most delicious.

**Pineapple Cake**—Two-thirds of a cup of butter, 2 cups of milk, 1/2 cup of sweet milk, 6 eggs (omitting the whites of 2), 3 cups of flour and 3 teaspoons of baking powder. Bake in 2 sheets. For the filling, whip the whites of 2 eggs to a stiff snow with 1 lb. of pulverized sugar, mix lightly in 1 pint of grated pineapple, and 1 grated coconut. Ice with white frosting.

### CHRISTMAS HINTS.

The top of a sofa pillow made from yellow and black dress braid is quite showy. It is not smooth to the face, but is effective among the other pillows. A square of cloth is needed for the foundation; the strips of one of the colors are tacked at both ends to two edges of the foundation; the strips of the other color are woven among them in basket fashion. Line with yellow silkoline and finish with a black and yellow cord. If one wanted something a little nicer, ribbon could be used.

It has been something of a fad to make screens from the art supplements of the newspapers, or cover them with Japanese panels or handsome wallpaper. If rightly and tastefully made they are satisfactory; otherwise they are nuisances. The frame, of course, must be stained or varnished first.

Then obtain some strong cotton cloth, preferably white denim. Soak this in water, wring as far as possible, and while yet wet tack it smoothly across each panel. The object of wetting is that the shrinkage will cause it to be smoother when dry. Then, using a brush, go over it with glue sizing, and allow it to dry.

Cover the back of the pictures with paste, and place them on as desired, smoothing each from the center with a soft cloth to force out all air. When dry, go over them with the glue sizing, and when dry again varnish with white varnish, and tack furniture glimp around each panel edge.

Glue sizing can be made by covering five cents' worth of common glue with cold water and allowing it to soak over night. In the morning, place the vessel containing it in a larger vessel of water, and boil till thoroughly dissolved and thin.

For a good paste, allow one ounce of wheat flour and one-half dram of alum, to one-half pint of water. Rub the flour to a smooth paste with a little of the water, add the rest, and boil over a moderate fire until it looks clear like starch.

## Christmas Tree and Wedding

From the Russian of I. W. Dostoevski.

I have just seen a wedding—but not I would rather tell you of a Christmas tree. It was a grand wedding; it pleased me much; but the Christmas tree was still better.

I do not know why, when I saw the wedding I should have remembered the Christmas tree. Five years ago, on Sylvester evening, I was invited to a children's party. It was at the home of a man well known in the business world, a man who had so many contracts, acquaintances and intrigues that one might think he did not care for a party merely a pretext for the parents to meet and talk without the intrusion of the spectre of business. I was a stranger, had nothing in common with the others, and, therefore, was independent.

There was another man who appeared to me he was unacquainted with the family, but like me one who has business relations with the father and was bidden to this family feast. He was a tall, thin man, grave, and becomingly dressed. He did not seem to feel at home in the festivities. He sat in a corner and when he laughed he drew his thick, black brows together. He knew no one at the house except the master of the house. It was easy to read in his manner that he was bored, but he continued bravely to the end to play his part as a welcome guest. I made up my mind that he was from the provinces and had come to town on business; that an invitation from our host had reached him, and because he had nothing better to do had come to the children's ball. They did not play cards, no one smoked, and apparently he could find nothing to do all evening but stroke his whiskers. His whiskers were very fine, but he stroked them so zealously that one's first thought was that he must have come into the world with those whiskers; the second, that he must have come into the world for the express purpose of stroking them.

Besides this man there was another who interested me much. His name was Julian Mastakowitch. At a glance you could see that he was a guest of honor, and I noticed a tear in the eye of our host as he assured him that he was passing one of the most pleasant evenings of his life. The children were at last turned into the room where the Christmas tree stood; almost in an instant it was covered of its dignity, and in a few minutes half its decorations had been broken in the noisy play. For a time I watched a black-eyed, curly-headed boy who carried a wooden gun. Then the attention of all was directed to a little girl of 11 years, as pretty as a little dove, with great, soulful eyes.

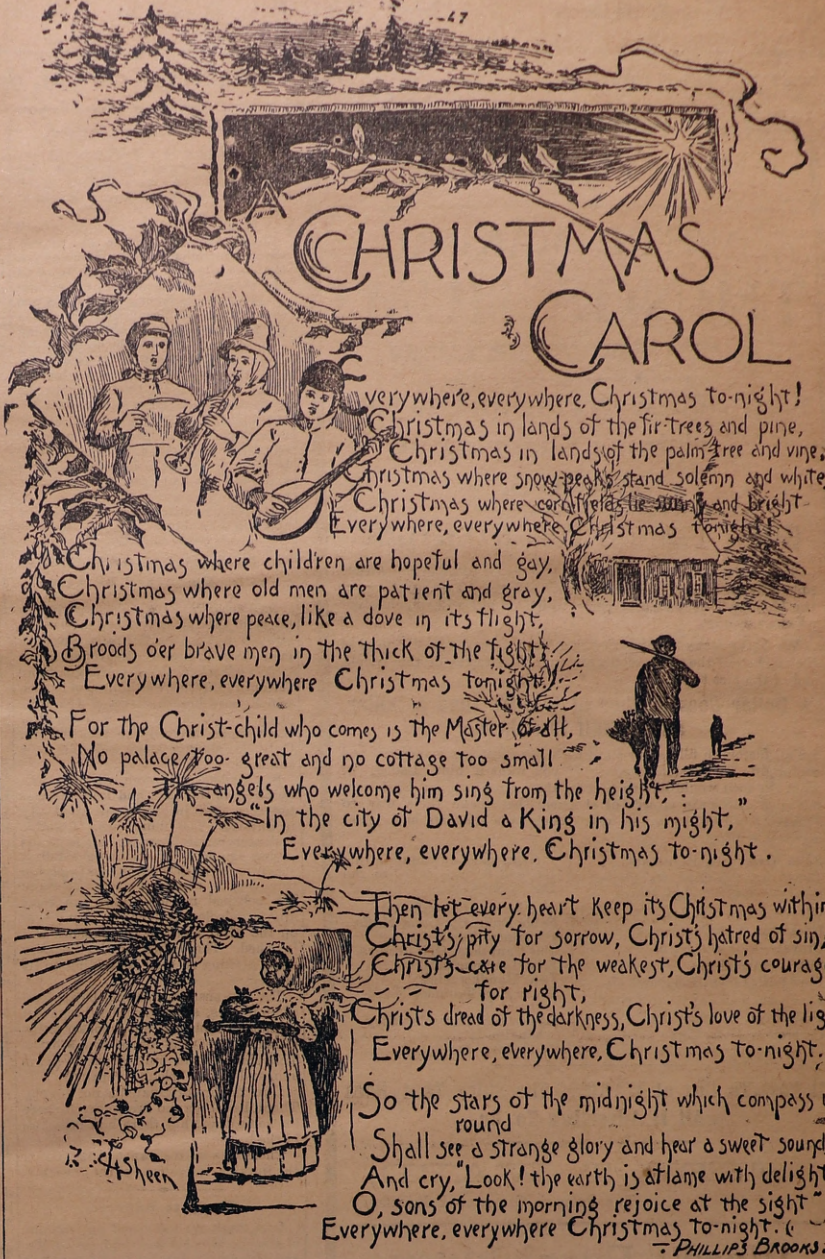
Soon the children became tired and gathered in the little salon, where I happened to be, and busied themselves with their toys. As I watched the little group my eyes fell upon Julian Mastakowitch, who stood with his hands behind his back listening to the meaningless trifles.

I could see the cunning of the host in the distribution of the presents. A little girl with 300,000 rubles dowry had received the finest doll. Then followed in a descending scale the presents to the children whose parents were in less and less fortunate circumstances. The last child—a little boy of 10 years, small, thin, with freckles and red hair—received only a story book that, you could see from the rising tears, had not a picture, not even a frontispiece. He was the son of a poor widow, a governess in the house, and was frightened and neglected. He wore a shabby naked jacket, and when he received his book he looked with longing eyes on the playthings of the others. He would gladly have played with the other children, but he dared not. You could see that he understood his position.

I like to watch children. It is fascinating to see their different characteristics appear. I noticed that the red-haired boy was strongly attracted by the others' playthings. He watched the playthings, they began to tease him. One big fellow, with his pocket full of dainties, threw an apple at him, and another saucy little boy walked up to him and struck him. He did not dare to cry. Then came the governess, his mother, and bade him not to get in the way of the other children. He ran out into the room, where the little girl was. She let him sit near her, and soon both were engaged in dressing the beautiful doll. I followed them.

For half an hour I sat doing and listening to the conversation of the red-haired boy and the beauty with the 300,000 rubles dowry. Suddenly Julian came into the room. From my place I could see him, but he noticed neither me nor the children. I had seen him some time before in earnest conversation with the father of the rich little girl. He stood up to the wall, and seemed to reckon on his fingers. "Three hundred," he said aloud. "Three hundred. Eleven—twelve—thirteen—and so on. Sixteen in five years. And we will put 300 out at 5 per cent. And in five years it will be 400. If—"

His reflections ended, he threw back his shoulders and started to leave the room. His eyes fell upon the little girl, and he remained standing. He did not notice me behind the flowers. He seemed to me to look at her almost with astonishment. Or was it because the calculation seemed so real to him? Or was it some other hidden thought? He rubbed his hands together as though he were washing them free from some imaginary spot



Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!  
Christmas in lands of the fir-trees and pine,  
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine,  
Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,  
Christmas where coral reefs gleam and bright  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,  
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,  
Christmas where peace, like a dove in its flight,  
Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight,  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all,  
No palace too great and no cottage too small  
Angels who welcome him sing from the heights,  
"In the city of David a King in his might,"  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,  
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin,  
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage  
For right,  
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light,  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!

So the stars of the midnight which compass us  
round  
Shall see a strange glory and hear a sweet sound,  
And cry, "Look! the earth is at large with delight."  
O, sons of the morning rejoice at the sight!  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!

—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Then, when he seemed to have cleansed of this spot, he threw a look of resolution at his future bride. He started forward, looked about him, then, as though he had a clear conscience, glided over the soft carpet toward the child. With a laugh he bent over her and kissed her on the head.

The little girl, taken by surprise, cried out in fright. "What are you doing here, child?" he whispered, and patted her on the shoulder.

"We are playing," said Julian Mastakowitch, glancing at the boy. "But you, my little fellow," he added, "should go into the other room."

The boy said nothing, but gazed at him with wide-open eyes. Julian looked at him curiously and once more bent over the little girl.

"What have you here?" he asked. "A doll, dear child?"

"A doll," she answered. She spoke timidly, her eyes clouded. "A doll, and do you know, dear child, what your doll is made of?"

"I don't know," she answered, even more softly than before, dropping her little head.

"Out of rags, my dear one," said Julian, glancing at her. "You may go into the other room with your playmates," cried Mastakowitch suddenly, glaring at the boy. But the children clung to each other and would not be separated.

"And do you know why they have given you this doll?" asked Julian, his voice growing lower and lower. "No."

"Because you have been a good, amiable little girl for a whole week," said Julian, glancing at her. "After this burst of confidence, she seemed suddenly sober and became more and more inaudible; he looked around to see that he had no other audience, and whispered:

"And will you love me, dear little girl, if I come and make your parents a visit?"

He tried to kiss the little girl again, but the red-haired boy, when he saw how near she was to weeping, grasped her hand and cried aloud in sympathy. Then Julian was very angry.

"Go!" he cried to the boy. "Out with you! Go into the other room with your playmates!"

"No! No!" cried the little girl. "Go away yourself and leave us alone. Leave us alone!" she screamed.

Someone came to the door. Julian and stood up. The red-haired boy was even more frightened than Julian; he dropped the little girl's hand, and crept close to the wall, ready to slip out of the room. To avoid inquiry Julian followed him. He was red, and as he passed he threw a

glance at the mirror, looking much ashamed of himself. Probably he was angry at his own impatience. I followed him into the dining-room and came upon a strange scene. Julian, his face ugly with anger, was chasing the red-haired boy, who was doubling himself and thither and did not know which way to turn.

"Go on! What are you doing here? Go on, I say! Are you stealing fruit? Get out of here, you red-headed rascal!"

The frightened boy in despair crawled under the table. His pursuer drew a large handkerchief from his pocket and tried to drive the child from his lowly refuge with it. Julian was a fleshy man, a well-nourished, round-faced, strong man, with short, fat legs and a stomach round as a nut. He snorted and perspired. Finally he became angry. The feeling of dislike and perhaps—of jealousy—seemed to grow on him. I laughed aloud. Mastakowitch, confusedly, he appeared for the moment to remember his own impatience. Just then our host came through the door opposite. The boy crept from under the table and brushed the dust off his knees and elbows. Julian hastened to apply the handkerchief to his nose.

He still held for one corner, to his nose. Out host gazed at the three of us thoughtfully. Then, like a man who has learned to grasp every opportunity in life as it presents itself, he evidently decided to ask a favor of his honored guest.

"Here is the boy of whom I spoke to you," he said, pointing to the red-haired lad. "I have taken the liberty to recommend him to your notice."

"Ah," said Julian, not yet understanding. "The son of our children's governess," continued our host. "A poor woman—the widow of an honorable man—and if it were possible, Julian Mastakowitch—"

"Ah, no, not!" answered Julian. "Pardon me, Philip Alexeevitch, it is impossible. I have been watching him; no proxy, and if he were one there are ten candidates with more rights than he—very naughty, very naughty!"

"Naughty?" rejoined our host. "A quiet, well-behaved lad. I have noticed," said Julian Mastakowitch.

"A very awkward boy. I have noticed," said Julian Mastakowitch.

"Go on, fellow! Why do you stand there? Go to your playmates!"

He could not restrain himself and glanced at me. I could not restrain myself and glanced at him. Julian, who had been so near to weeping, now smiled and plainly enough asked the master of the house who that peculiar young man was. They left the room, talking together, and without bothering themselves further

about me. I noticed that Julian Mastakowitch, listening to our host, shook his head doubtfully.

Shaking with laughter, I followed them into the salon. There I saw the important man, surrounded by fathers and mothers, watched by the master and mistress of the house, speaking emphatically to a lady to whom he had just been introduced. The lady held by the hand the girl with whom ten minutes before Julian had played the little scene. Undoubtedly, I thought, he is now praising the girl's grace, beauty and good manners of the little girl. The mother listened to him thoughtfully, suppressing tears of joy; a smile hovered about the father's lips. The host rejoiced in the common joy, and the guests shared in it. The children's play was interrupted so the conversation might not be disturbed. The whole air was filled with reverence. I stepped nearer and heard the flattered mother beg Julian Mastakowitch to grant them the honor of a visit. With unconcealed delight Julian accepted the invitation. The guests glowed with pride, and on every side nothing was heard but praise of the merchant's wife, the little girl, and, but not least, Julian Mastakowitch.

"Is that gentleman married?" I asked quite loudly of an acquaintance who stood near Julian.

Mastakowitch threw a piercing glance at me.

"No," answered my friend, surprised at my willful impropriety.

Just now I went by a church. Men and women crowded its entrance. I heard them speak of a wedding. The day was dreary and cold. I forced a path through the people and made my way into the church. I saw the bridegroom. He was a little, round, fat man, much overdressed. He was busily moving about, directing every-

thing. Soon there was a cry that the bride was approaching. I turned and saw a wonderful beauty. In the springtime of life. But she looked pale and sad, her eyes were red with weeping. The pomp and ceremony lent to her beauty a certain brilliancy, but through it all shone an innocent, childish face. Something irresistibly naive, gentle, youthful in it seemed to implore mercy. Some one near me said she was barely 16 years old.

I loved again at the bridegroom and saw that it was none other than Julian Mastakowitch, whom I had not seen for five years. I looked not soon at the bride, and turned to leave the church. I heard someone in the crowd tell how rich the bride was. She had five hundred thousand rubles dower. So the reckoning was settled. I thought, as I came out of the church.





# WORK AHEAD AT PORT ARTHUR

## The Forts to Be Taken Are Enormously Strong.

### NEVER WANTED WAR.

A despatch to the London Telegraph from Copenhagen says that Sven Hedin, the noted geographer and explorer, had an interview with the Czar a few days ago. He found his Majesty in the best of health. He beamed with joy when the explorer praised Gen. Kourapatkin, who is an intimate friend of Sven Hedin. In regard to the war the Czar said he never desired it, and sincerely wished that it might be concluded as soon as possible.

### STOICISM OF WOUNDED.

A despatch from Harbin says: A doctor in one of the Zemstvo hospitals here, in an interview said: "Curiously enough, the majority of our wounded are shot in the head. I attribute this to the shrapnel bursting in the air. The Japanese artillery has been responsible for most of our casualties so far. It is the most effective arm of the Japanese service."

"We have many examples of the stoicism and devotion of the soldiers who come under our care. I was attending a dying Cossack recently. He was in terrible pain. I stopped to ask him at the end of his message he had to send to his parents or relatives. He gave me the number of his rifle and requested that it should be sent to his commander. Another soldier limped in here on foot. He had refused to let the stretcher men carry him, saying there were others who needed the stretchers more. His foot was amputated within an hour. In the field hospital the men are put twenty-five in a tent. They preserve their discipline even in bed, and elect one of their tent mates usually one of the less severely wounded, as commander. All this is quite independent of the regulations. The wounded take orders from their tent chief, and wherever there is a shortage of helpers, and there usually is, they help the doctors with the dressing and bandaging, and also help to get and serve the meals."

### UNCHANGED AT MUKDEN.

A despatch from Headquarters of the Japanese Second Army, via Fusan, says: There is a probability that there will be a shortage of fuel and food among the Chinese this winter. Firewood is quoted at \$40, and food is selling at three times its normal value, with the end of supply in sight. The Japanese are paying Chinese laborers triple their ordinary wages, and also are paying market prices for all the fuel and supplies they purchase. The cold weather continues. The military situation is unchanged.

### AT PORT ARTHUR.

A despatch from Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, says: The Japanese are working their advance on the shores of Pigeon Bay on comparatively level ground against the Tai-Yan-Kow, Idzchan, and Antzashan forts. The approaches to the fortifications are easy, but the forts are enormously strong, and the near approach is all the more difficult, as the sapping of trenches will have to be done through frozen ground.

The naval guns mounted on 203-Metre Hill will be able to cover the advance of infantry against any of the western forts.

### STOICISM IS HOPEFUL.

A despatch from Chefoo says: Seven Russians in civilian garb, but a military training obvious in their bearing, arrived on Friday in an open sailboat carrying despatches. They were unwilling to talk and went immediately to the Russian Consulate. A high wind enabled them to make a quick passage from Port Arthur.

The men admit that the Russian warships at Port Arthur have been destroyed, but they are confident that the fortress will hold out for months. They say that three steamers with food and ammunition ran the blockade during the past fortnight.

The fact that the boat in which they made the trip from Port Arthur was a large one and had a big sail spread, and also the fact that she came out in the daylight without molestation show the ineffectiveness of the blockade. When they left, according to their story, neither belligerent held 203-Metre Hill. The guns of four big forts command the position, which, therefore, the Japanese probably would not occupy.

### FLLOUR FOR PORT ARTHUR.

A despatch to the London Daily Telegraph from Chefoo says that the steamers which have been blockaded at Port Arthur carried American cargoes. One took in a thousand tons of flour. Many junks continue to enter the port. The despatch adds that Gen. Stoessel has been wounded again, but seriously. His former wound is healing.

### GRUMBLE AT COLD.

A despatch from Uschen says: Occasional artillery firing is heard east

of the railway. The Russians captured two Japanese, who were in a pitiable condition. The prisoners grumbled greatly at the Manchurian cold, and said they were glad to be fed and warmed.

The general position is uncertain. Movements on both sides are hampered by the freezing of rivers and lack of snow which render it necessary to keep near the river for water supplies and near the coal mines for fuel.

Brigandage is increasing. There is considerable want and suffering among the natives. Reports from Vladivostok indicate that the number of sick in the hospitals there is rapidly decreasing, and that there are few cases of serious illness.

### OYAMA'S ARMY MOVING ON.

A despatch from Mukden says: The Japanese column on General Oyama's right, which General Bennenampf recently drove back to the Taitsze River, is again reported to be moving north-east, and strongly holding the Shiao-shien region. They also occupy Shiao-shien, on the south bank of the Taitsze River, and are guarding the bridge, which is no longer of any importance, owing to the freezing of the river.

The extreme cold keeps things quiet along the front. The distribution of warm clothing to the troops is practically finished.

### REFORMS THEIR REWARD.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: It is significant that the soldiers at the front are keenly interested in the proposed reforms in Russia.

M. Kirilloff, in a special despatch to the Russ from Mukden, says the soldiers talk of little else, appearing thoroughly to understand the meaning of such reforms and attributing the same to a desire to reward them for the hardships they are now enduring.

The idea has thrown new life into them, together with a desire to finish off the Japanese quickly, in order to get home to live as men with liberties.

### JAPS CRAWLED WIRES.

A despatch from London says: An engineer named Kawamura Sakui, who is now at the military hospital at Jentsui, has supplied the following account of one of his experiences with the investing army at Port Arthur to the Samuki Shimbun:

"There were three lines of barbed wire entanglements before the enemy's battery. The first party of storming volunteers, consisting of twenty men, destroyed the third line of wire, thirteen of them being killed and three severely wounded. A second storming party, also of volunteers, was then formed, consisting of seven men, including myself, under the command of a non-commissioned officer named Hosoi. The night was extremely dark, and the absolute stillness of the atmosphere was very impressive. We all covered ourselves with green branches and leaves and proceeded on all fours, keeping as close as possible to the ground. The Russians were busily searching for any signs of an enemy by the means of searchlights and fireworks, but they failed to find us. We succeeded in reaching the second line of entanglements and destroyed it, and, as we had then discharged our duty, we might have returned, but, mustering up all our courage we determined to attack the first line also. To our great surprise we found that the slope which we had to climb was defended by a large number of mines and pitfalls. As it was dangerous to crawl among these, we endeavored to cut off the blasting line. With the greatest possible effort, we succeeded in destroying twenty, although having no shears, we were obliged to gnaw them apart. I myself, gnawed off four of them. Each of them consisted of twenty-four slender wires entwined in rubber, making the line as soft as a thumb. So, as you may suppose, all my teeth are damaged. As for the pitfall, I took off my white waist cloth, tore it into pieces, tied the latter to small sticks we carried, and fixed them to the wires, and then, with a view to warning the troops who were about to follow us, we were able to reach the first line of entanglements and returned in triumph."

### WORSE THAN SHAMBLES.

A despatch from London says: English correspondents with Gen. Nogai's army, which is besieging Port Arthur, express themselves as being horrified by the carnage at 203-Metre Hill. They declare that the dynamite bombs and hand grenades used by both sides are a hundred times worse than dum-dum bullets, and that their use ought to be banned by the Geneva Convention. The effect of the grenades thrown at close quarters was hideous beyond description. The Russian trenches were filled with masses of shattered flesh and bones, which could not be recognized as human bodies. The sight was more sickening than a meat shambles. The northern slopes of the hills are now cleared of the dead, but the southern slopes are still strewn with heads, hands, limbs, and other fragments of human remains, all horribly mutilated.

### PREPARING FOR DEFEAT.

A despatch from Paris says: The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Temps telegraphs that the news re-

ceived there from the front is of the most unfavorable kind. Gen. Kourapatkin telegraphs that unless the number of trains on the Siberian Railroad is considerably increased it will be impossible to keep the army in provisions, in which case he would be unable to advance any longer for the course of the campaign. As it is impossible to grant Gen. Kourapatkin's request, his opponents are contending that he is endeavoring to shift the responsibility in case of the failure of the Manchurian campaign.

### TROOPS IN MUKDEN.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The general staff apparently is entirely satisfied with the military situation in Manchuria, being convinced that the Japanese have reached their high tide. A high official said on Wednesday:

"The Japanese army is unique in military history and, probably, the strongest in the world, combining the strength of barbarism with civilization, drawing from the former fanatical bravery and scorn of death and from the latter the latest knowledge of the science of war. We have been fighting them under heavy handicaps, but have at last definitely stopped them. They have missed the psychological moment. They should now be at Harbin, with Vladivostok and the eastern littoral cut off and de facto theirs, instead of wintering where they are. The cold is Russia's ally now, as it was against Napoleon. The Japanese cannot endure extreme cold like the Russians. They are not strong enough to attempt to turn Mukden now, and will not be even if Port Arthur falls, and 50,000 reinforcements are sent up to join Field Marshal Oyama. In the meantime Russian troops are piling up behind Mukden. The reinforcements, before the port of New Changling is ice free, Gen. Kourapatkin will have close upon half a million men, disposed in three armies, amply sufficient to turn Oyama's position at the Sha River, and force the Japanese back into Corea and the Liao Tung Peninsula."

### OYAMA'S PROCLAMATION.

A despatch from Rome says: A telegram from Tokio states that a despatch has been received from Marshal Oyama announcing that he has issued a proclamation provisionally annexing South Manchuria to Japan.

### NINE LIVES LOST.

Steamer Took Fire in Long Island Sound.

A New York despatch says: By the burning of the Starin Line steamer Glen Island in Long Island Sound on Saturday nine lives were lost, and property roughly estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed. That more lives were not sacrificed undoubtedly was due to the personal courage of the officers and crew and the excellent discipline maintained when a horrible death for all seemed almost a certainty. When the steamer was abandoned she was flameswept from stem to stern, and yet the only persons who lost their lives were those whose escape had been entirely cut off by the fire before the alarm reached them.

Of the ten passengers and the crew of 21 who sailed on the steamer, 22, including eight passengers, were brought back to the city.

### SERUM IN CANCER CASES.

Dr. Doyen Does Not Claim It as a Radical Cure.

A Paris despatch says: Dr. Doyen has presented to the Society of Surgery the report of the committee appointed to investigate his cancer cure. It is written by Dr. Metchnikoff, of the Pasteur Institute, a member of the committee. It sets forth that Dr. Doyen's micrococci is habitually found in cancerous tumors, and that the serum of the animal in which it is found has undoubtedly had the most favorable result in many cases, but much more study respecting the specific nature of the bacillus and the results of inoculation is necessary before a final verdict can be given.

The society appointed a new committee to examine and study all cases that Dr. Doyen submits. Dr. Doyen reiterated that he does not claim he has discovered a radical cure for a disease that has such numerous forms as cancer, but he contends that his treatment usually brings about only a modification and improvements in cases that are so grave that they cannot be operated upon.

### ORDER FOR "SOO" RAILS.

Canadian Pacific Makes Contract for 25,000 Tons.

A Montreal despatch says: The Canadian Pacific Railway Company on Wednesday placed with the Algoma Steel Co., through the latter's sales agents, Drummond, McCall and Co., an order for 25,000 tons of 80-pound rails for prompt delivery. The order is the result of a careful technical inspection which the president of the C.P.R., Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, ordered to be made of the quality of the rails being made at the works of the Algoma Steel Company at Sault Ste. Marie.

### NEW C. P. R. STEAMERS.

Plans Will Be Submitted Before Contract Is Signed.

A Montreal despatch says: Regarding the report that the Canadian Pacific Railway had ordered three additional vessels for its Atlantic fleet, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy said Saturday that the plans for the vessels would be submitted at the head office before the contracts are formally signed. Mr. Piers, the manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway service, has been in Great Britain for some weeks in connection with the matter.

## THE WORLD'S MARKETS

### REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

### MARKETS OF WORLD.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 2 white and red winter quoted at 98 to 99c outside; No. 2 goods quoted at 85 to 86c east, and No. 2 Spring at 95c east. Manitoba wheat is steady; No. 1 Northern, \$1.08; No. 2 Northern, 98c to 99c, and No. 3 Northern at 95c. Georgian Bay ports. Grinding in transit prices are 6c above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white is quoted at 32c low freight, and at 32c north and west; No. 1 white is steady at 33c east.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 45c middle freight, No. 3 extra, 45c and No. 3 at 41c middle freight.

Peas—The market is steady, with dealers quoting 68c at outside points.

Corn—The market is quiet, with new Canadian quoted at 42 to 43c west, guaranteed sound. New American yellow, 53c on track, Toronto, and at 52c Toronto.

Rye—The market is firm at 76 to 76c at outside points.

Buckwheat—The market is dull and lower at 50 to 51c at outside points.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.40 to \$4.50, in buyers' sacks, east and west. Straight rollers of special brands, for domestic trade, in bbls., \$4.75 to \$5. Manitoba flours unchanged. No. 1 patents, \$5.70; No. 6 patents, \$5.40, and strong bakers', \$5.30 on track, Toronto.

Milled—At outside points bran is quoted at \$14.50 to \$15, and shorts at \$17.50 to \$18. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$19, and shorts at \$21.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 18c; ordinary to choice large rolls, 16 to 17c; low to medium grades, 14 to 15c; creamery prints, 22 to 23c; solids, 20 to 21c.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh are selling at 21 to 22c per dozen, and lined at 20c.

Cheese—The market is unchanged with large cheese quoted at 10c to 10c, and twins at 10c to 11c per lb.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Car lots are quoted at \$6.25 to \$6.40. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices. We quote: Bacon, long clear, \$1 to \$1c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$14 to \$14.50; do short cut, \$17.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, \$20 to \$21; corned, 12c to 13c; do heavy, 12c; rolls, 9c to 9c; shoulders, 9c; backs, 14c to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13c.

Lard—The demand is fair, with prices unchanged. We quote: Tierces, 8c; tubs, 8c; pails, 8c.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Good winter apples are firm at \$1.75 to \$2.25 per barrel; cooking apples, \$1 to \$1.50 per barrel.

Beans—Trade is fair, and prices unchanged, with prime quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40, and hand-picked at \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Cranberries—The market is unchanged at \$8 per barrel.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 32 to 35c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet at 7c to 8c per lb. Comb honey, \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen.

Hay—The receipts are fair, and prices unchanged. Car lots of No. 1 timothy are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track here, and No. 2 at \$6.50 to \$7.

Straw—The market is firm on light offerings. Car lots are quoted at \$6 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—The market is unchanged, with receipts small. Car lots are quoted at 78 to 80c per bag, on track. Small lots at 90c to \$1.

Poultry—The receipts are moderate and prices steady. We quote: Hens, 8c to 9c; hens, 6c to 7c per lb; ducks, 8c to 9c per lb; geese, 8c to 8c per lb; turkeys, dry plucked, 12 to 14c; do scaled, 10 to 11c per lb.

### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Grain.—Oats, 40 to 40c for No. 2 in store here; No. 3, 39 to 39c; corn, new American yellow, 54 to 55c, guaranteed to arrive sound, 60c in store for No. 3; mixed buckwheat, 54c to 55c. Flour—Manitoba patents, \$5.60; low and strong bakers', \$5.50; high Ontario blended patents, \$5.75 to \$5.80 in wood; choice 90 per cent. patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60 in wood, and 25c per barrel in shippers' new bags; straight rollers, \$2.50 to \$2.55, and 25 to 30c extra in wood. Rolled oats—\$2.12 to \$2.13 per bag, and \$4.50 to \$4.85 in barrels. Feed—Ontario bran, in bulk, at \$17 to \$17.50; shorts, \$19 to \$20; Manitoba bran, in bags, \$18 to \$18.50; shorts, \$20 to \$20.50. Beans—Choice primes, \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel, \$1.35 to \$1.37 in car lots. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$16.50 to \$17.50; light short cut, \$16.50 to \$17.50; American cold fat backs, \$20; corned ham, 6c to 7c; Canadian lard, 6c to 7c; kettle rendered, 8c to 9c, according to quality; hams, 12 to 13c; bacon, 12 to 13c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7.25 to \$7.50; heavy fat hogs, \$4.75 to \$5; mixed lots, \$5 to \$5.15; select, \$5.25 to \$5.40 off cars. Cheese—Ontario Fall white, 10 to 10c; colored, 10c to 10c; Quebec, 9c to 10c. Butter—Finest grades, 20 to 20c; ordinary grades, 19c to 20c; medium grades, 18c to 19c, and Western dairy, 15c to 16c. Eggs—Select new laid, 23 to 24c, and straight gathered, candled, 20 to 21c; No. 2 15c to 16c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.09 to \$1.10; No. 2 Northern, \$1.03 to \$1.10; No. 2 Northern, \$1.03 to \$1.08; May, \$1.02; Rye—No. 1, 78c to 79c.

Barley—No. 2, 52c; sample, 36 to 40c. Corn—No. 3, 42 to 43c; May 44c bid. Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Spring, dull; No. 1 Northern, \$1.10; Winter, quiet; No. 2 red, \$1.18; Corn—Quiet; No. 3 yellow, 49c; No. 3 corn, 48c. Oats—Steady; No. 1 white, 34c; No. 2 mixed, 33c. Barley—45 to 55c. Hye—No. 1, 85c. Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Wheat—December, \$1.00; May, \$1.10; July, \$1.10 to \$1.10; No. 1 hard, \$1.10; No. 1 Northern, \$1.08; No. 2, 98c to 1.02. Flour—First patents, \$5.80 to \$5.90; second patents, \$5.60 to \$5.70; first clears, \$4 to \$4.25; second clears, \$2.60 to \$2.75. Bran—in bulk, \$14.50.

### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—An active business was transacted in choice butchers' and exporters' cattle at the Western Market to-day, and prices held firm, but unchanged, at old quotations. The sheep business was in a healthy condition, but hogs were reported weak, with strong prospects of decline taking place in their prices.

Following were the quotations:—Exporters' cattle were quoted at \$4 to \$4.35 per cwt.

The following were the quotations given for butchers' cattle—Choice butchers' hogs, \$4.50 to \$5; select butchers', \$4.40 to \$4.55; best butchers', \$4.15 to \$4.40; cull butchers', loads of, \$3.70 to \$4.10; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$3.70; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.12; common to rough, \$1.25 to \$2.

The following was the range of prices prevailing in stockers and weaners:—Hog, \$2.50 to \$2.75; 1 to 275 lbs., \$3.50 to \$4; feeders, 1,050 to 1,175 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.60; stockers, 600 to 800 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.75; stockers, 400 to 600 lbs., \$1.40 to \$2; bulls, 900 to 1,200 lbs., \$1.75 to \$3.

The prices of sheep and lambs were as follows:—Export ewes, \$3.75 to \$3.85; export lambs, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt. cull sheep, \$2 to \$3 each; lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.10 per cwt.

Calves sold at 3 to 5c per lb. and \$2 to \$10 each.

Hogs were unchanged at \$4.80 for select, 160 to 200 lbs., of prime bacon quality, off cars, Toronto; \$4.60 for fat and light.

### LAWYERS IN NEW HOUSE.

Sixty-six Returned Out of 202 Constituencies.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has received returns from 202 constituencies. Of these 66 have sent lawyers to Parliament, 24 farmers have been elected, merchants, 21; doctors, 15; manufacturers, 15; and journeymen, 15, nine. As usual, the legal fraternity is exceptionally well represented. From Ontario and Quebec there are in equal number of lawyers, viz. 28. The occupations of the rest are:—Agents, four; bankers, one; brokers, two; carpenters, one; distillers, one; druggists, one; live stock exporters, one; fruit-growers, one; lumber merchants, thirteen; millers, two; miners, one; notaries, four; ranchmen, two; veterinary surgeons, one, and unclassified, sixteen.

### INJURY TO PULP INDUSTRY.

Thousands of Stranded Logs Are Frozen In.

An Ottawa despatch says:—A serious condition of affairs confronts the pulp industry of this and other parts of Canada. The early melting of the snows last spring, causing such a rapid rush of water, brought all the big sawlogs down in pretty good shape, but the water in the streams and creeks led so rapidly that hundreds of thousands of pulp owners of the pulp mills have been making every effort to get these out, but the recent severe cold snap quickly froze up the shallow streams, and it is just a question now whether many of the mills may not have to close down for the winter. On the Chaudiere, Edzie's and Booth's mills have been operated only intermittently during the last ten days.

### MANITOBA'S CROPS.

Wheat Produced Amounted to 39,289,879 Bushels.

A Winnipeg despatch says:—According to the crop report issued by the Manitoba Government wheat produced in the province during the past season amounted to 39,289,879 bushels, grown from 2,412,235 acres, being an average yield of 16.52 bushels to the acre. The total quantity of oats was 36,289,972 bushels, from a total acreage of 943,574 acres, or an average of 38.8 bushels to the acre. Of barley there was 11,377,970 bushels, produced from 361,004 acres or an average of 30.5 bushels to the acre.

The quantity of flax, rye, and peas produced amounted to 673,329 bushels, or an average of 76.01 bushels to the acre.

### ECONOMY IN STAMPS.

Postage on Letters is Often Insufficiently Prepaid.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The Postage Office Department has issued a notice calling attention to the fact that large numbers of letters addressed to Great Britain and the British colonies are insufficiently prepaid. This account is due to the public having forgotten that although the rate between places in Canada is 2c per half ounce, hence these letters which weigh between half an ounce and an ounce are only prepaid 2c. The letters go forward, but there is doubtless some vexation on the part of those receiving them, at having to make up double the deficiency in the postage as required by the postal law.

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

### HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

### CANADA.

Teams are crossing the St. Lawrence on the ice at Three Rivers. The new Government ice-breaker Montana was given a successful test at Quebec on Saturday. Miss Isabel Grantham, of New York, has been appointed superintendent of Hamilton Hospital.

Mr. D. D. Mann says the James Bay Inuit will be completed as far north as Parry Sound by next September.

The Northwest Territories Grain Growers' Association favor the establishment of a sample grain market at Winnipeg. La Presse of Montreal says the Pacific coast terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be called Laurier, in honor of the Premier.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The Times' British trade reports showed a quieter condition as usual at this season.

The Times declares that British artillery would be hopelessly outclassed in modern warfare.

### UNITED STATES.

Five men were killed by an explosion on the U. S. battleship Massachusetts on Thursday.

A New York postoffice clerk found \$25,000 of bonds in a trunk bought at auction for \$4.

The Minnesota Legislature is alarmed at the emigration to the Canadian Northwest.

Two school children were killed and several injured by the collapse of a bridge at Charlestown, W. Va., on Thursday.

It is rumored at Washington that there were negotiations for recovery of the Joint High Commission.

The United States are considering regulations for the free admission of Canadian wheat to mix for flour.

### GENERAL.

Paris burglars stole \$240,000 worth of jewelry in three months.

Members of the Pasteur Institute of Paris are studying Dr. Doyen's cancer cure.

A student demonstration in St. Petersburg on Sunday was dispersed by Cossacks and sixty were injured.

Emperor William of Germany told Count Von Bulow that he spent out of his own income last year \$1,000,000 on operas and theatres.

Sassoneff got penal servitude for life. Sikorski twenty years penal servitude for the assassination of Von Plevne, Russian Minister of the Interior.

The Porte has renewed its instructions to the provincial authorities to allow colporteurs to sell Bibles in the towns and villages in consequence of American and British representations.

### FLOWERS THAT WON'T FADE.

Wizard Burbank Produces Another Wonder.

A San Francisco despatch says:—Following his production of the thornless cactus, and the Burbank rose, an everlasting real flower that will not fade or lose its odor. He calls it the "Australian Star Flower." He evolved it after crossing, recrossing, and selection from a half hardy annual found in West Central Australia.

Burbank describes the plant as a "unique and beautiful plant, which grows readily from seed in any ordinary garden soil, preferring rather sandy loam. It blooms early in the season and continues to bloom for a long time."

The fragrant flowers are of a crimson shade, sometimes approaching white. They are produced in large, graceful clusters, which, when cut, will retain their form and color permanently. The full-grown plants are about one foot high and the same across. Although the stem of the flower may dry up, the blossoms will not fade.

Mr. Burbank has a cluster of these blossoms in his library which he has retained unchanged for a year. These real flowers bid fair to work a revolution in millinery, as they are far more pleasing than artificial blossoms.

### WHIPPED INTO SILENCE.

Students Parade Streets Singing Revolutionary Songs.

A despatch from Moscow says:—Some 3,000 persons, mainly male and female students, gathered on the principal street of the city on Sunday morning and sang revolutionary songs. They refused to disperse when ordered to do so, and paid no attention to blank shots that were fired at them. Cossacks with drawn swords, and policemen with whips, then charged the crowd and dispersed it. Subsequently, however, the assemblage gathered again in the same street and continued the demonstration.

The Campbell Hotel at Cayuga and Wiggs' livery with seven horses were burned on Saturday.

St. Michael's Roman Catholic church at Belleville was destroyed by fire on Saturday. Loss \$150,000.



### Earl Grey's Ideals.

Earl and Lady Grey and their two daughters visited the bazaar in aid of the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club on Saturday. During his remarks his Excellency alluded to the fact that no intoxicants were allowed at the club. "This," he said, "really represents the ideals for which I have been working during the last three or four years in England. I have been championing there a crusade to provide counter-attractions against drinking saloons. Everybody needs amusement in this world, and I say it is the duty of society to provide all people, particularly young folks, with legitimate forms of recreation, such as will yield them amusement without in any way endangering their health. It seems to me that this club has realized that ideal in a more perfect manner than I was at all aware of. I congratulate you upon what you have done, and I sincerely trust that you may be able to win a greater measure of success and a greater array of laurel leaves than you are at present privileged to show."

### The Farmers' Champion.

WHAT READERS SAY ABOUT IT.

The Sun is easily the best farm paper in Canada, and what a pity it is that so many farmers instead of getting the Weekly Sun, content themselves with some gossip sheet of no real value to them. Instead of giving their families the cream of agricultural knowledge, they feed them on the whey and political party gush. The Sun is fighting a splendid battle for the farmers of this country, and deserve their unanimous support.—J. W. Hay, Sheffield, Ont.

The Sun in 1905 will put up a most vigorous fight for the farmer's rights. Help the cause by subscribing now. Orders taken at the News-Argus office, or send card for special clubbing list. "Hogs for Profit," a most valuable book given away free to every new subscriber. The Weekly Sun, 26 Adelaide St., West, Toronto.

### A Lucky Prospector.

The report of T. W. Gibson, Director of the Bureau of Mines, contains an interesting story of lucky prospecting. W. G. Tretheway is one of those who have been shipping ore from the mines, having sent out a car load of silver cobalt ore of about 20 tons. For this he realized \$37,500, or about one dollar a pound.

Mr. Tretheway found his vein in June last, having gone out two days before to try his luck. He has already been recompensed for his outlay five times over, and reports that there is nearly a quarter-million dollar's worth of ore in sight, and possibly much more. The mine is in the Temiskaming district.

A roller skating rink is about to be started in Campbellville.

The Central Ontario Plowmen's Association will give an oyster supper at Menie on the evening of Dec. 30th.

Campbellford High School has received from the Bureau of Mines at Ottawa 100 specimens of the most valuable minerals as an exhibit for the use of the High School.

The manufacture of tar from pine stumps is a new industry which is being started at Barry's Bay, Renfrew County. American capitalists are said to be the promoters of the scheme.

The foundry of the Canadian Copper Company at Copper Cliff has been destroyed by fire.

A severe blizzard swept over Nova Scotia on Sunday, delaying railway traffic and blocking street cars.

Distress in Russia is great. Horses are selling at two dollars each about Warsaw, because of the scarcity of fodder.

Mr. C. M. Hays denies that the G. T. P. has decided upon Port Simpson as its Pacific terminus. Nothing has yet been settled.

The British Admiralty is closing its dockyard at Port Royal, Jamaica, for the same reasons as apply at Halifax and Esquimaux.

The Canadian Pacific and its railway telegraphers have reached an amicable agreement and a new schedule of pay has been agreed upon.

Silver-cobalt mines near Haileybury are producing ore worth a dollar per pound. Carloads when shipped are guarded by armed men.

It is feared that within the next ten days almost every industry in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio will have to close down owing to the drought.

Sunday's storm in New England was most severe. The snow is from 2 to 4 feet deep, and in many places drifted by a gale so as to block highways and street car lines.

A young man in Dundas went out and hanged himself because his wife rebuked him. If every man acted on the same principle there would soon be a scarcity of men.

Owing to the great mortality among the fish in Lake St. Clair last winter, the Fisheries Department has ordered the overseer there to see that air holes are made in the ice on the lake this winter, and to keep them open.

There is no truth whatever in the renewed reports of an Anglo-German movement looking to mediation in the Russo-Japanese war. Germany remains determined to do nothing until invited by the belligerents.

### An Emergency Medicine.

For sprains, bruises, burns, scalds and similar injuries, there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It soothes the wound and not only gives instant relief from pain, but causes the parts to heal in about one third the time required by the usual treatment. As it is an antiseptic all danger from blood poisoning is avoided. Sold by Morton & Haight.

### THEBES GLASS WORKERS.

The High Art That Flourished Over Forty Centuries Ago.

The glassblowers of ancient Thebes are known to have been equally as proficient in that particular art as is the most scientific craftsman of the same trade of the present day, after a lapse of over forty centuries of so called "progress." They were well acquainted with the art of staining glass and are known to have produced that commodity in great profusion and perfection. Rosellini gives an illustration of a piece of stained glass known to be 4,000 years old which displayed artistic taste of high order, both in tint and design.

In this case the color is struck through the vitrified structure, and he mentions designs struck entirely in pieces from a half to three-quarters of an inch thick, the color being perfectly incorporated with the structure of the piece and exactly the same on both the obverse and reverse sides.

The priests of P'tah at Memphis were adepts in the glassmaker's art and not only did they have factories for manufacturing the common crystal variety, but they had learned the art of imitating the different colors and of imitating precious stones to perfection. Their imitations of the amethyst and of the various other colored gems were so true to nature that even now, after they have lain in the desert sands from 2,000 to 4,000 years, it takes an expert to distinguish the genuine articles from the spurious. It has been shown that, besides being experts in glassmaking and coloring, they also used the diamond in cutting and engraving. In the British museum there is a beautiful piece of stained glass with an engraved emblem of the monarch Thothmes III, who lived 3,400 years ago.

### KEEP UP YOUR ENERGY.

Stand Erect and Walk as Though You Were Somebody.

Never allow your physical standard to drop. Keep up your energy. Walk as if you were somebody and were going to do something worth while in the world, so that even a stranger will note your bearing and mark your superiority. If you have fallen into a habit of walking in a listless, indolent way, turn right about face at once and make a change. You don't want to shuffle along like the failures we often see sitting around on park benches or loitering about the streets, with their hands in their pockets, or haunting intelligence offices and wondering why fate has been so hard with them. You don't want to give people the impression that you are discouraged or that you are already falling to the rear. Straighten up, then! Stand erect! Be a man! You are a child of the Infinite King. You have royal blood in your veins. Emphasize it by your bearing. A man who is conscious of his kinship with God and of his power and who believes thoroughly in himself walks with a firm, vigorous step, with his head erect, his chin in, his shoulders thrown back and down, and his chest well projected in order to give a large lung capacity. He is the man who does things.

You cannot aspire or accomplish great or noble things so long as you assume the attitude and bearing of a coward or weakling. If you would be noble and do noble things you must look up. You were made to look upward and to walk upright, not to look down or to sham along in a semihorizontal position. Put character, dignity, nobility, into your walk.—Success.

### Native Dress in Tibet.

The native dress of Tibet consists essentially of a very wide gown five and a half feet long, with long sleeves, tightened in at the waist and gathered up so as not to fall below the ankles of the men of quality, or the townsmen, nor below the knees of the common people, who have much walking and work to do. Thus gathered up, the gown puffs out at the breast, forming a huge pocket. At night the wearer lets it fall and is thus wrapped up from his ears to his feet, as in a bed. Tibetan women wear the same gown—it is called a "chuba"—letting it hang down to the ankle. Their dress varies according to the locality to which they belong.

### A Definition.

"Diplomacy, Lester," said the henpecked man, replying to the inquiry of his small son during, it may not be necessary to explain, the temporary absence of the majestic wife of the one and mother of the other, "diplomacy is what makes a man carve a turkey and unselfishly deal out to his family and the visitors their favorite helps, including the only portions which he himself really likes and at the same time look like a putty saint."

### One View of Wedlock.

An Englishwoman had had a good deal of trouble with her husband, who, according to her account, was a monster of iniquity. Some one asked why she had married a person of such character. "Well, you see, he ain't my first," was the reply. "I was pertickered about my first. This here's my second, and a bad un at that. But there"—with a shrug of the shoulders—"he's a shade better than the work us!"

### His Facial Furrow.

Mr. Billson, between whose lower lip and chin there was an unusually deep wrinkle, spoke impatiently to the barber. "Haven't you got my face shaved yet?" he asked.

"Not quite, sir," said the barber apologetically, "I haven't dug your ditch yet."

Eggs have their faults, but, at any rate, they are never too fresh.—Philadelphia Record.

### A Queer People.

Here Herbrand van Schikopp, who explored the interior of the Kameruns district in western Africa, gave an interesting account of the native tribe called the Bakoko. They are, he thought, of Semitic origin and, having lived in the Kameruns district only about 200 years, are called strangers by other natives. They govern by means of a "council of elders," whose duty it is to judge offenders guilty or guiltless. If guiltless they are set free, if guilty they are put to death, this being the only form of punishment known there.

According to the gravity of the crime, the manner of execution varies and may be "simple" or "complicated." "Simple" execution means being thrown to the crocodiles. "Complicated" execution consists of being fastened to a tree and left to be eaten by casual visitors, such as lions and tigers, or being tortured until death comes. Cannibalism is practiced by the Bakokos, not because they especially care for the favor of the meat, but because they feel that by eating every particle of an enemy they are subjecting him to the greatest indignity conceivable.

### Clubbing List.

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The two-cent rate on letters between Canada and Mexico will go into force on January 1, 1905, the Mexican Senate having ratified the convention signed by Sir William Mulock and the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Mexico.

A net increase of 3,893 is shown in the immigration arrivals in Canada for the five months ending November 30, as compared with the same period of 1903. The arrivals from the United States were 16,610, and from Europe through ocean ports 34,318. For the same period of last year the immigrant arrivals from the United States were 17,571, and from Europe through ocean ports 28,515.

The Rev. D. C. Greene, D. D., of Tokio, of the American Board, and the oldest missionary in Japan, says there are now 1,000 Chinese students in Tokio under the auspices of the Chinese government, 1,000 more are dependent on the government, and military schools with Japanese instructors in several provinces of China. Japan's rice harvest this year is worth \$180,000,000 more than the average, and private enterprises like electric railways are going on without serious loss of vigor.

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4th County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors will be held at the Town Hall in MARMORA VILLAGE

ON THE 19th day of December, 1904,

between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillor for the Fourth County Council Division of the County of Hastings.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling sub-divisions within the said district on Monday, the 2nd day of January, 1905, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1904.  
 THOS. C. MCCONNELL,  
 Nominating Officer.



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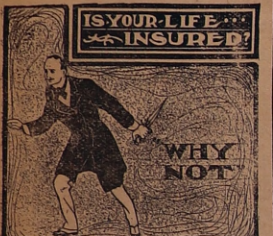
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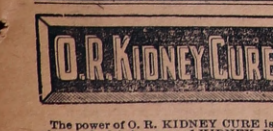
Rearmament has at last been decided  
on for the British artillery. One hun-  
dred and thirty batteries of field artil-  
lery and thirty batteries of horse are to  
be supplied with new pattern guns  
during the next nine months.

The State Legislature of Minnesota is  
becoming alarmed over the rush of  
its farmers to take up land in our North-  
West, and will make a strong effort to  
show their people that they can find  
just as good conditions at home.

Mr. Ralph Smith, Liberal M. P. for  
Nanaimo, asserts that Sir Wilfrid Laurier  
has given positive assurance that  
Canada will shortly embark upon a  
naval construction programme, and  
will start with three first-class cruisers,  
to be built in Canada.

Canadian manufacturers of binder  
twine are complaining that the Inter-  
national Harvester Company, which con-  
trols the price of binder twine both here  
and in the United States, has fixed its  
price for the next year so low as to  
drive smaller competitors out of busi-  
ness.

With the payments that the Ontario  
Government will make to various County  
Councils as the result of work done  
this year, the amount distributed from  
the Provincial Treasury in aiding in  
the construction of good roads will  
amount to about \$250,000, or a quarter  
of the million dollar fund which was  
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insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail & Ex. 6:37 a.m. Passenger 10:17 a.m.  
Passenger 6:42 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8:43 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 22, 1904.

LOCAL MATTERS.

We wish all our readers "A Merry  
Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous  
New Year."

Schools close to-day for the Christmas  
holidays.

Don't fail to hear Mr. Alf. Wheeler  
on Jan. 2nd at the Music Hall.

The choicest and largest assortment of  
Christmas Neckwear at Ward's.

Service in the Baptist Church on Sun-  
day at 8 p.m. Mr. Foster preaches his  
farewell sermon.

The Bishop of Ontario has offered the  
position of Rector of Stirling and Frank-  
ford to the Rev. B. F. Byers, B.A., In-  
cumbent of Ameliasburg.

The coming Christmas and New  
Year's falling on Sundays, the Monday  
succeeding will be a legal and bank  
holiday throughout Canada.

A Conservative Convention will be  
held at Madoc on Wednesday, Jan.  
4th to choose a candidate for North  
Hastings for the coming election.

Sensible Xmas Presents for sensible  
buyers at Ward's.

Messrs. A. Kirk and John Newton  
have been elected by acclamation to  
represent the division including Hunt-  
ingdon and Hungerford townships and  
the village of Tweed, in the County  
Council.

At the nomination of County Coun-  
cillors for this division held at Mar-  
mora on Monday last, there were four  
persons nominated—the two old mem-  
bers, Messrs. Thos. J. Thompson and  
Wm. Rodgers, and Mr. J. Warren and  
Mr. Bonter, of Marmora.

Ward's store is brim full of useful Xmas  
Presents.

The Christmas services in St. John's  
Church will be at 8 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.  
The church will be decorated and  
special music will be rendered. The  
service in the afternoon will be Mr.  
Coleman's last service as Rector of the  
parish. There will be no service in the  
evening.

Remember the entertainment in the  
Methodist Church on Monday evening  
next, Dec. 26th. Miss Vermilyea, so-  
loist, and Miss Bonisteel, elocutionist,  
of Belleville, have been engaged for the  
evening. Both these young ladies are  
highly recommended, and a good pro-  
gramme is expected. Admission 25c.  
and 15c.

**BUGGY FOR SALE**—Apply to Rev.  
J. H. COLEMAN.

A concert will be given under the  
auspices of the Presbyterian Sabbath  
School in the Music Hall on Jan. 2nd.  
Mr. A. Wheeler, Toronto, musical and  
humorous entertainer, has been en-  
gaged to take part in the programme.  
Mr. Wheeler appears in costume, and  
comes highly recommended. Plan of  
hall at F. T. Ward's store.

The anniversary services of the  
Bethel Church, Rawdon Circuit, were  
held on Sabbath last. Rev. Geo. Brown,  
of the Tabernacle, preached at both  
services. His sermons were earnest,  
practical, and soul-inspiring expositions  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They  
were much appreciated by the large  
congregations. The thank-offering ex-  
ceeded the \$50 asked for by the Trustee  
Board.

A despatch to the Toronto Star dated  
Tuesday says: "There are many more  
developments expected in the famous  
ballot box case. Phil Lott has made  
the statement that he is after more of  
the North Hastings Liberals, and that  
he would soon have them under arrest.  
Police Magistrate Sam Harryett, of  
Bancroft, is still in the county jail,  
while every effort possible is being made  
to secure bail for him."

The municipal nominations take place  
on Monday next. In the townships the  
nominations will be held at 12 o'clock,  
noon, and in this village at 7.30 in the  
evening. We have not yet heard of any  
aspirants for municipal honors, but  
suppose the old council in this village  
will probably seek reelection. The  
financial statement shows favorably,  
as when taxes are all collected there  
will be a considerable balance on hand.  
There has been expended on cement  
sidewalks during the past summer \$4,  
718.89; and for steel bridge on Henry  
street \$760.

On Saturday afternoon last fire broke  
out in the residence of Mr. Burley  
White, and an alarm given, and in a  
short time the fire engine was on hand,  
but happily was not required to do  
much service as the fire was soon ex-  
tinguished. The fire had started near  
the stove pipe between the ceiling and  
upper floor, and as soon as it could be  
got at was quickly put out, but not be-  
fore considerable damage was done.  
Nearly all the furniture was removed  
and some loss sustained in this way.  
The amount of loss we have not been  
able to learn, but believe it is fully  
covered by insurance.

Orange Tea Meeting.

The members of L. O. L. No. 172,  
Wellman's Corners, purpose holding a  
tea meeting in their hall on Wednesday  
evening, Dec. 28th. The following  
brethren are expected to be present and  
deliver addresses: Bro. J. W. Pearce,  
Esq., Rev. Bro. Goodwell, Marmora;  
Rev. Bro. Fusce, Campbellford; Rev.  
D. Balfour, and Lieut-Col. J. Earl  
Halliwell, D. G. M., O. E. Stirling.  
Music will be furnished by Wellman's  
Choir and Menie Orchestra. Admission  
single 40c., double 75c.

Look Here!

Everybody is getting pictures taken at  
Boulter's now while they are cheap. A  
dark day is just as good as sunshine.  
Open December 28th.

Hockey Organization.

At a meeting held at the Stirling  
House on Friday evening last, for the  
purpose of organizing a Hockey Club,  
the following officers were elected:—  
Hon. President—G. E. Kennedy.  
President—J. S. Morton.  
Vice-President—C. J. Boldrick.  
Treasurer—W. A. Warren.  
Secretary—E. W. A. Warren.  
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H. Hadley, J. A. Warren and H.  
Wheeler.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Annual Christmas Tree and Ent-  
ertainment will be held at Salem Church,  
on Dec. 23rd, at 7 o'clock p.m., under the  
auspices of the Sabbath School. Programme  
to excel all other. Everybody welcome.  
Admission 10c. and 20c.

Christmas Gift for the Family.

The cheapest, best, and most appre-  
ciated Christmas gift would be a year's  
subscription to the Family Herald and  
Weekly Star of Montreal. It costs but  
one dollar, and the whole family would  
enjoy it. The beautiful picture which  
accompanies the Family Herald this  
season would help to brighten the home.  
We believe the publishers intend to  
make the Family Herald and Weekly  
Star better than ever during 1905. We  
hear this great Weekly is more sought  
after this year than ever before.

The Farmers' Christmas.

Among the best things of 1904 we  
welcome the annual Christmas number  
of the weekly "Farmer's Advocate and  
Home Magazine," London, Ont. Like  
Canada itself, it grows better fast. The  
progressive farmer is justly proud of so  
able an ally in his work and enterprise.  
To have produced so magnificent a  
number as a regular weekly issue is a  
splendid tribute to the capabilities of  
the editorial and business management.  
Lovers of the horse and children will be  
sure to like the tasteful cover. The  
articles discussing the great problems of  
practical interest to farmers and home-  
makers, as well as those of a more enter-  
taining character, are both able and  
graphic, and the illustrations are  
superb. To properly appreciate the  
number it must be seen and read, and  
like the regular issues, must go a long  
way to making the farmer's home in-  
telligent and happy, and his business  
prosperous.

Address and Presentation.

On the evening of Dec. 13th between  
fifty and sixty of the friends and neigh-  
bors of Mrs. A. Kennedy assembled at  
her new home, it being the occasion of  
her son Harry taking up farming for  
himself on the farm lately occupied by  
Mr. Chas. Mosher, and presented Mrs.  
Kennedy with a set of dishes and a  
toilet set. The following address was  
read by Mrs. Thos. Donnan:

Mrs. A. KENNEDY.—The Christmas  
season is drawing near, when we hear  
friendly salutations and "Peace on earth,  
good will to men" echoed and re-echoed on  
every hand. We who have assembled here  
this evening wish to give expression to  
this thought, not in words only, but in  
deeds. We have not been unobservant of  
your charitable disposition, your willing-  
ness to assist in times of sickness and  
affliction, and your words of cheer to the  
discouraged and downcast. In your re-  
turn to our little hamlet we feel that  
we have lost a good neighbor and a worthy  
citizen, yet we are glad that you are still  
located within an accessible distance. It  
is with real pleasure that we seek the  
company to do you honor, and we wish you  
to accept this set of dishes and this toilet  
set as a small token of the esteem we have  
for you. May you be encouraged and help-  
ful in every sphere of work, and we  
hope that your endeavors may be crowned  
with success.

God's promise regarding the providing  
for the widow and fatherless has stood  
sure in your case, and we trust that His  
smile may illumine your new home, and  
that you may be spared to enjoy many  
years of sweet companionship with your  
children, and when Time has whitened  
your hair may they rise up to call you  
blessed. We all unite in wishing you a  
Merry Christmas and many happy New  
Years.

Signed on behalf of your friends and  
neighbors,  
Mrs. Wm. KEEGAN,  
Mrs. Thos. DONNAN.

Ridge Road, Dec. 13, 1904.

To say Mrs. Kennedy was taken by  
surprise was putting it mildly, but in a  
few well-chosen words she thanked the  
donors. Lunch was served between  
nine and ten o'clock, after which the  
evening was spent in social conversa-  
tion, games and music. The company  
dispersed to the several homes about  
half-past eleven, after singing "God  
save the King," well pleased with the  
evening's entertainment.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe  
winter weather both my wife and myself  
contracted severe colds which speedily de-  
veloped into the worst kind of la grippe  
with all its miserable symptoms," says  
Mr. J. S. Eggleston, of Maple, Iowa. "I  
suffered from aches and pains, muscles  
sore, head stooped up, eyes and nose run-  
ning, with alternate spells of chills and  
fever. We began using Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a  
dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver  
Tablets, and by liberal use soon com-  
pletely knocked out the grip."  
It is a good plan to take a dose of the  
Tablets when you have a cold. They pre-  
vent the heavy action of the bowels, liver  
and kidneys which is always beneficial  
when the system is congested by a cold or  
attack of the grip. For sale by Morton &  
Haight.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Wilmot Bird, of Vancouver, B. C.,  
is home on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conley arrived home  
from Weyburn, Assa., on Saturday eve-  
ning last.

Rev. R. M. Pope, of Redversville, at-  
tended the funeral of the late Elijah John-  
son on Monday last.

Mrs. F. A. Girdwood, of Nanaimo, is  
home for the holidays.

Mrs. A. Fox and son Roy, of Almonte,  
Mich., and Mr. Everett Lutz, of Prescott,  
Ont., are visiting Mrs. F. Fox and other  
relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. Alexander A. Robertson, of Niagara  
Falls South, Ont., spent last week with  
his daughters, Annie and Helen, who are  
ill with pneumonia.

Auction Sales.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27.—On east half lot 18,  
con. 9, Rawdon, the farm stock and im-  
plements belonging to the estate of the  
late John A. Heagle. Sale at one o'clock,  
sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28.—On east half of  
lot 24, 2nd con. of Seymour, the farm stock  
and implements belonging to A. H. Rod.  
Sale at 1 o'clock, sharp. Wm. Rodgers,  
Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11.—On lot 11 in the  
10th con. of Rawdon, the farm stock and  
implements belonging to Mr. Levi Mason.  
Sale at 1 o'clock, p. m. Wm. Rodgers,  
Auctioneer.

Married.

MOORE-McLACHLAN—At Glen Ross, on Dec.  
14th, by the Rev. J. C. Bell, Mr. John C. Moore,  
of Ashtabula township, county of Chertabro,  
to Minnie McLachlan, of Glen Ross.

SHARP-MILLS—At the residence of the  
bride's father, by the Rev. D. Balfour, on Wed-  
nesday, Dec. 21st, Mr. Chas. Wesley Sharp, of  
Seymour, to Miss Clara Bell, daughter of Mr.  
Wm. E. Mills, of Rawdon.

BUTTERWORTH-EMMONS—At the residence  
of the bride's father, on Wednesday, Dec. 21st,  
by the Rev. D. Balfour, Mr. Chas. Butterworth,  
of Laxton township, Victoria county, to Miss  
Blanche Emmons, daughter of Mr. Wm.  
Emmons, of Rawdon.

Deaths.

JOHNSON—In Rawdon, on Dec. 16th, Elijah  
Johnson, aged 77 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Teacher Wanted.

For S. S. No. 19, Sidney, (River Valley).  
Duties to commence after the New Year.  
Apply to  
THOS. J. SMITH,  
Stirling P.O.

Teacher Wanted.

For School Section No. 22 Sidney. State  
salary. Duties to commence Jan. 1905.  
Apply to  
ALBERT W. HAGERMAN,  
Glen Ross.

County Council Election.

To the Electors of No. 4 Divi-

sion, County of Hastings.

Having been again nominated for the  
office of County Councillor, I have ac-  
cepted, and am a candidate for your  
suffrages. Having had considerable  
experience in municipal matters, both  
as a member of Rawdon township coun-  
cil for six years, and as county coun-  
cillor for three years, I think that I  
can serve you faithfully and to the ad-  
vantage of the township of Rawdon in the Coun-  
ty of Hastings. I therefore ask the  
municipal electors of this division to  
give me their support at the polls on  
Monday, Jan. 2nd, 1905. Wishing you  
all a "Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year," I remain  
Yours respectfully,  
THOS. J. THOMPSON.  
Spring Brook, Dec. 20, 1904.

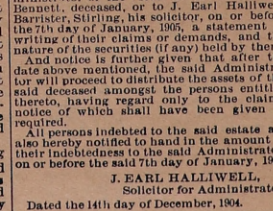
Notice To Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of JULIUS BEN-  
NETT, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the  
County of Hastings, Shoemaker, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Re-  
vise Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec.  
38, to all creditors and other persons having  
claims against the estate of Julius Bennett,  
late of the Township of Rawdon, in the Coun-  
ty of Hastings, Shoemaker, deceased, who  
died on or about the 12th day of October, 1901,  
to send in by way of claim, or otherwise, to  
deliver to William Bennett, Belleville P. O.,  
Administrator of the estate of the late Julius  
Bennett, deceased, or to J. Earl Halliwell,  
Barrister, Stirling, his solicitor, on or before  
the 7th day of January, 1905, a statement in  
writing of their claims or demands, and the  
nature of the securities (if any) held by them.  
And notice is further given that after the  
date above mentioned, the said Administrator  
will proceed to distribute the assets of the  
said deceased amongst the persons entitled  
thereto, having regard only to the claims  
notice of which shall have been given as  
required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are  
also hereby notified to hand in the amount of  
their indebtedness to the said Administrator  
on or before the said 7th day of January, 1905.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,  
Solicitor for Administrator.

Dated the 14th day of December, 1904.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
  
DELICATE PERFUMES and Fragrant  
SOAPs make appropriate and accept-  
able Xmas Gifts. Besides these staples  
the list below is only a suggestion of  
the great variety and immense stock  
that we carry. Here are some of them:

MANICURE SETS,  
SHAVING CASES,  
CALENDARS, ALBUMS,  
BIBLES, HYMNS, PRAYERS,  
BOOKS, of all kinds, LAMPS,  
DOLLS and TOYS for the Children,  
PIPES and CIGARS,  
GRAMAPHONES, VIOLINS.

MORTON & HAIGHT.

At the PARKER PHARMACY.

STIRLING'S  
Popular Cash Store.

Christmas welcomes you to this store. Large assortment of Fancy China  
Ware of all kinds.

**LADIES' STOCK COLLARS**—Ladies' Silk Collars from 25c. to \$2.50  
each. Don't miss looking at our very fine assortment.

Ladies' Wool and Silk Lined Kid Gloves, numerous prices and all shades.  
Novelties in Silk Ribbons, something new.

Fancy Handkerchiefs in cotton, linen and silk. SPECIAL—a line of Child-  
ren's Fancy Colored Handkerchiefs, 15c. doz.

Scarfs, all colors, for Ladies and Gentlemen.  
Christmas Novelty, in Fancy Braces, one pair in each box.

**GENTLEMEN'S TIES**—We have the newest styles in puffs and string  
ties of all kinds, and all the latest shades.

Ladies' SHOPPING BAGS, the newest idea, at modern prices.  
Ladies' Fancy PUFF COMBS, newest shapes.

A New Waist can be bought at a big discount at G. N. MONTGOMERY'S.  
He is selling them cheap.

**SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS**—A range of Ladies' Ready-To-Wear Waists, silk  
and lustre, in all colors.

SKIRT BARGAIN—Cheap Skirts.

On Friday, Dec. 16th, only, we offer great discounts, for cash only, on all  
our Ready-To-Wear Skirts.

Regular \$5.00 Skirt for	\$3.50.
" \$4.00 Skirt for	\$3.00.
" \$3.50 Skirt for	\$2.75.
" \$2.50 Skirt for	\$1.75.

Note this sale, one day only, Friday, Dec. 16th.

**DRESS GOODS**—We cannot commence to tell you about our very large  
range in Dress Goods, but will ask you all to examine them carefully before  
buying elsewhere.

**WRAPPERETTES**—Our prices are the lowest and nearly every pattern  
you can ask for.

**FUR ROBES**—two only—at a bargain. Don't wait too long until they  
are sold. This is the time you need them.

Men's Ready-To-Wear Clothing.

A shipment just arrived. We guarantee them all. Pick out a nice suit  
for the holidays. Prices cannot be beaten.

Men's Overcoats at \$7.50, regular price \$10.00.  
Men's Overcoats at \$5.50, regular price \$7.50—special lines.

Men's Wear in general—we have a full range—Cardigan Jackets, Pea  
Jackets, Sweaters, Pants, Shirts, Socks, Collars, Ties, Scarfs, Braces, Gloves,  
Mitts, Caps, Overalls, etc.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Raisins, choicest, 3 1/2 lbs. for	25c.	Mixed Cakes, 3 lbs. for	25c.
Raisins, cleaned, 3 1/2 lbs.	25c.	Shelled Nuts of all kinds.	
Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, 25c. lb.		Weston's Choice Cakes, all kinds, give	
Mince Meat, only	10c. lb.	them a trial.	
Canned Peas, 3 cans for	25c.		

**TEAS**—Our 25c. Tea will stand the test. Don't be afraid to try a sample.  
Package free. Satisfaction guaranteed.

**POULTRY WANTED**—Paying 10c. lb. for geese, 15c. for turkeys, 10c.  
for ducks, 8c. for fowl.

Paying 17c. lb. for Butter. Bring us your Fresh Eggs.

G. N. MONTGOMERY.

MILNE'S OLD STAND.

Buy Shoes for Christmas

Shoes are a specially ac-  
ceptable Christmas Gift.

We have made extensive  
preparations for the Holiday  
Trade, and wish to impress  
upon gift buyers the fact that  
shoes are sensible Christmas  
presents. We have

Ladies' Fancy Felt Slippers, 20c.,  
75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25.  
Ladies' Bedroom Slippers, 75c., 85c.,  
\$1.00.  
Slippers for the little ones, 25c.,  
35c., 45c., 85c.

Women's Fleece Lined Boots,	\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.
Ladies' Jersey Overgaiters,	60c., \$1.00, \$1.25.
Ladies' Overshoes, buttoned and buckled.	
Fancy Slippers for Men,	75c., \$1.50.
Men's Felt Boots, all kinds.	Genuine "Snag Proof" Rubbers for
Men and Boys.	
Oil Tan Moccasins for Men and Boys,	65c., 75c., \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.
Men's Leather Leggings, laced,	\$1.25, \$1.50.

We have everything you need in Footwear at reasonable  
prices. When shopping call on us, you'll save money.

BOOTS MADE TO ORDER. Repairing neatly done.

J. W. BROWN,

RELIABLE BOOT & SHOE MERCHANT.

P. S.—We are Headquarters for HOCKEY BOOTS.

FARMERS.

You can get your grinding done any  
time now at the Gullet Mill. Also, best  
Flour for sale.  
Sawing done in the Spring.



OR, A MIDNIGHT CALL

## CHAPTER XXXI.

But it seemed to Bell that there was one very important thing to be done before he proceeded any farther. He was interested in the mystery and he was interested in anything which crime and cunning played a part in. But he was still more intent upon clearing his good name; besides, the more he knew of the case the more it would give him a wider field of action.

day, look to yourself. On the whole, you see that our enemies are a little more awake than you give them credit for."

Bell nodded thoughtfully. The information was of the greatest possible value to him. It told him quite plainly that Reginald Henson knew exactly what had happened. Under ordinary circumstances by this time Henson would be on his way to London.

"Henson seems to be pretty well served," he muttered, grimly.

Meanwhile, the man with the thumb was flying over the fields in the direction of Littimer. He made his way across country to the creek with the assured air of one who knows every inch of the ground. He had failed in the first part of his instructions, and there was no time to be lost if he was to carry out the second part successfully.

best." So the cry of the owl had been a signal of success. Chris sat in the gloom there resolved to see the comedy played through. The owl of the night was not over yet.

"I'd give something to know what has taken place in the dining-room," Chris murmured.

She was going to know before long. The lights were being extinguished all over the house. Henson called

of the cup that cheers

Ceylon Tea is the real genuine delicious article in all its native purity. Sold only in sealed lead packets. Black, Mixed or Natural GREEN. By all grocers. Received the gold medal and highest award at St. Louis.

## POULTRY FOR PROFIT

Bell took the roll of paper from pocket and gravely flattened it on the table before him, so that full rays of the electric light should fall upon it. Littimer was a study of open-mouthed surprise. He could only stand there gaping at the touching the stained paper with his fingers and breathing heavily.

(To be Continued.)

quires about three pounds of the meat to make one pound of the meal because all the fat and moisture is pressed and dried out during the preparation. We know of no meat so handy as this animal meat.

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**GOOD CARE OF HORSES.**  
Light work will do the brood mare no harm.  
For swency, blister with binoid.

GOOD CARE OF HORSES.

You can better afford to starve your horses at any other time than during the first year of their existence. A stunned colt seldom makes a well developed horse.

**Further Developments May Prove Fatal. There  
is Cure for You in**

**DR. CHASE'S SYRUP OF LINSEED AND TURPENTINE**

Pleasant to take, thorough and far-reaching in action, and certain of its beneficial results, Dr. Chase Secures of Linseed and Turpentine.

dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co.  
Toronto. To protect you against  
imitations the portrait and signature  
of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous re-  
ceipt book author, are on every bot-  
tle.

way, so I turned back. And when I got here I couldn't make top nor tail of the story. Blest if I wasn't a bit nervous that it might have been some plan to rob you. And was going to drive slowly along.

"I did take that extreme view of the matter," Littimer said, drily.

Crowded street. People passing by. Old and young. All eager about their own affairs and always somebody in plain sight who needs Scott's Emulsion.

Now it's that white-haired old man; weak digestion and cold blood. He needs

to warm him, feed him, and strengthen his stomach.

See that pale girl? She has thin blood. Scott's Emulsion will bring new roses to her face.

There goes a young man with narrow chest. Consumption is his trouble. Scott's Emulsion soothes ragged lungs and increases flesh and strength.

And here's a poor, sickly little child. Scott's Emulsion makes children grow—makes children happy.

power to transmit his own vitality and blood to his progeny.

The strength and durability of the horse depends very much upon the kind of feed they get.

A few days' work when out of condition will ruin a horse more than a month's usage when all right.

Gentleness should rule every action in handling young horses. Harshness always creates fear and anger, and should never be tolerated.

You can best prepare a colt to starve by feeding him at any other time than during the first year of their existence. A stinnied colt seldom makes a well developed horse.







SHOE KING.



## Ward's Clothing.

## The Country Roused

to the fact that WARD'S Clothing and Furnishings are leading factors in a well dressed, up-to-date Man's, Youths' or Boys' success. There is something distinct about the style and appearance of our garments that shades other makes and gives ours the top-notch in Clothingdom.

Come and see if what we say is not true. Suits made to order from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Guaranteed to fit and the workmanship second to none.

### SEE OUR

## Ready-To-Wear Department

We are prepared to fit your form and fit your pocket. There is no excuse for a man to go naked this cold weather when he can go to Ward's and get a Suit of Clothes, a suit of Underwear, Shirt, Tie, Cap, Mitts and Sox all for \$6.75. We have larger and better quality of plums even than this for those desiring them, but would advise calling early as they are hard to keep this season of the year.

We have still a large selection of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fine Furs. We only carry Furs that we know is worth the money you pay.

Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**FRED. T. WARD,**

THE PEOPLE'S CLOTHIER & FURNISHER.

## Ward's Furnishings.

## Headquarters for Xmas = Shoppers. =

Here are a few of our CHRISTMAS GIFTS:—

Piano Drapes, heavy silk embroidery and fringe, \$2.00 to \$3.50.  
Silk Scarfs, Table Covers and Drapes, 50c. to \$3.00.  
Cushion Tops, in silk, velvet, satin, linen, duck and sateen, 25c. to \$2.25.  
Chenille Curtains, \$3.25 to \$11.00. Chenille Table Covers, 60, 75c. to \$2.50.  
Fancy Collars, Ties, Gloves, Chatelaines—prices to suit all purses.  
Handkerchiefs, 2 for 5c., 5, 6, 10, 15c. to 50c. Gentlemen's Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.00.  
See our Toys and Fancy Dishes. Something for everybody.

A Fresh Stock of GROCERIES always on hand.

Candies, 3 lbs.	25c.	Raisins, 3 lbs.	25c.
Finest Creams, 1 lb.	15c.	Currants, 3 1/2 lbs.	25c.
Peanuts, 1 lb.	15c.	Finest Peels, per lb.	25c.
Walnuts and Almonds per lb.	20c.	Oranges, per doz.	30c.
Figs, per lb.	5c.	Dates, per lb.	10c.

**C. F. STICKLE.**

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To 1st of Jan. 1906, for \$1.00

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## W. H. CALDER

wishes his numerous customers the Compliments of the Season, and a Happy New Year.

**THE NEWS-ARGUS**

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO JANUARY, 1st, 1906, FOR \$1.00.

### Village Nominations.

The meeting in the Town Hall on Monday evening last was fairly well attended, a large number of the ratepayers of the village and school section being present. The place was so dimly lighted, however, that it was difficult to see who were there. The only lights were a smoky and well smoked up oil lamp, and a lantern belonging to one of our citizens, who brought it along to light his way to the hall. If our town fathers ever expect to have any more evening meetings they should provide a little more light.

The meeting was opened promptly on time by the Clerk, but during the first half hour only one nomination was made. After that matters began to liven up a little, and a number of nominations were made for the different offices as follows:—

For Reeve—T. H. McKee, W. S. Martin, G. G. Thrasher.

For Councillors—S. Wright, Dr. Zwick, W. R. Mather, A. L. Hough, C. J. Boldrick, L. Meiklejohn, D. Utman, Henry Kerr.

For School Trustees—C. W. Thompson, W. H. Calder, Dr. Alger, F. T. Ward, T. H. McKee.

After the hour for nominations had expired, on motion Mr. Halliwell was made chairman, and the several candidates were called upon to speak, the members of the old council being first asked to give an account of their stewardship.

W. S. Martin the retiring reeve, said he had considerable pleasure in meeting the ratepayers, as he could announce that there was now a surplus in the treasury. The Council had taken the trouble to get every account in, and he believed there was not a single account outstanding. Of course some criticisms had been made, some just and some unjust, but they did not pretend to be perfect, but are willing to be judged by their record. There was some unavoidable delay in getting the necessary legislation passed, and in disposing of the debt; but it was disposed of at the rate of 4 1/2 p.c., a rate which could not have been obtained later, as after the rate was fixed a considerable advance took place. Mr. Martin then went over the financial statement, explaining the different items of available assets and liabilities, and showing a balance on hand of over \$1150. Deducting accrued interest to date there would be a net surplus of over \$950. More than half of this amount belongs to the sidewalk fund, and can only be expended for that purpose.

He showed that as promised, there had been a reduction in the rate of taxation, and gave some estimates showing that a still further reduction can be made next year. He also thought that more cement sidewalk could be built another year. A large part of the money raised by taxation was expended for school purposes, and he thought the chairman or other members of the School Board should explain how this money was expended.

Mr. L. Meiklejohn said that Mr. Martin had gone into the matter so thoroughly that everybody could understand it. It had been a heavy year's work and the Council had to meet often, and they had given a great deal of time and attention to the work, and he believed the people generally were satisfied, though of course some found fault. They did not claim to be infallible. Not much grading had been done, but this could be done another year. He also thought that the chairman or some other member of the school board should give explanations as to the large expenditure made by them. He expected to be a candidate another year and asked their support.

Mr. Mather was pleased to have been associated with such an experienced man in the council during the past year. A year ago they were at the parting of the ways, rates going up, sidewalks in disrepair, and no money for improvements. Now this village has the best sidewalks of any place in Ontario. He said the contract for walks was the lowest of any that he had heard of. There was now a prospect of keeping the tax rate below 20 mills. If affairs are economically managed there need be no fears of trouble for years to come. He thought the school board should give some explanation as to the expenditure of the large amount of money received by them, and that there should be harmony between the school board and council.

Mr. A. L. Hough, as one of the members of the street committee made some explanations in reference to the work on streets, and asked their support.

Dr. Zwick was not present, having been called out before his turn came to speak.

Mr. T. H. McKee said that it was unnecessary to take up much time. He

noticed that the ratepayers present were paying strict attention. It was easy to find fault, he had experience of that when in the council in previous years. He had no intention of being a candidate for the reeve, and thought Mr. Martin should be reelected.

Mr. Thrasher said he had been reeve, and it was a happy position. During his term of office some cement walk had been built. He thought the borrowing of money to consolidate debt and make improvements was a good thing. The council had got it at a low rate of interest. In reference to schools he said the High School did not cost the village \$300 a year. He was not a candidate, and resigned.

C. J. Boldrick had no intention of running as councillor.

D. Utman had served three years and had no fault to find. He resigned.

Henry Kerr could not run as he was a member of the School Board. He thought there was some members of the School Board who should be left out. He thought that the chairman of the board should give a statement to the ratepayers, and the Council and School Board should work together harmoniously. The School Board should make a full explanation of all expenditures.

C. W. Thompson, as one of the members of the School Board, said that if an explanation had been asked for in time a statement could have been made of the school receipts and expenditure. If reelected he would be as economical as it was wise to be. He asked for their support.

Mr. Calder was a candidate for reelection, and asked for their support. He would work for the best interests of all. He then made some reference to the way the cement walk had been put down on Front street, and claimed that it was altogether too low in front of his premises, and for some distance on either side. It was now two-thirds covered with ice, and would be worse yet in the spring.

Mr. McKee was not a candidate for the school board and resigned.

Mr. Jas. Boldrick thought that the parents should visit the schools. It was perfectly right that the ratepayers should have a detailed statement of the expenditures of the school board.

Mr. Doak said that a requisition was made on the Council for \$3000. The cost of wood was \$200, repairs on Public School \$100; and caretaking and other expenses, made a total expenditure of about \$4,000. Teachers salaries are continually raising. He thought expenses could not be any less. A statement could be got from the Secretary. Our schools are now in a good state of repair.

Moved by Jas. Boldrick, seconded by G. G. Thrasher, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the council of the past year for their faithful services during the year. This was carried almost unanimously, only two or three voting against it.

Mr. Martin then gave some figures which he had secured in reference to the cost of school maintenance, showing that the High School only cost the ratepayers something like \$500 for salaries, and the Public School something like \$1200. Mr. Martin also made some explanation about the width of sidewalk on the south side of Mill street, stating that he had nothing to do with it, but it had been fixed by the Council. The meeting then adjourned.

### Farmers' Institute Meetings Postponed.

After consulting with a number of Institute speakers as well as local officers in different parts of the Province, the Superintendent has decided not to hold any Institute meetings until January 31st. It was the unanimous opinion of both delegates and officers (and a great many were consulted) that a political campaign would interfere very much with the attendance at and the success of Institute meetings. No announcements of meetings had been made for January, although all lists had been about completed. A re-arrangement of the lists has been made, and the same submitted to the secretaries of the various ridings. The revised dates will be announced in plenty of time to allow local secretaries to do the necessary advertising before the date of the first meetings. The regular number of meetings for each riding will be held in all the older sections of the Province, but in the northern districts (St. Joseph's Island, East and West Manitoulin, Algoma, Nipissing, Parry Sound, and Muskoka) arrangements will be made to hold meetings in June or July or the fall months.

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# The Price of Liberty

OR, A MIDNIGHT CALL

CHAPTER XXXII.—(Continued.)

"Here is a facsimile of your treasure," Bell went on. "There is the same thing. You are a good judge on these matters, and I venture to say you will call it genuine. There is nothing of forgery about the engraving."

"Good heavens, no," Littimer snapped. "Any fool could see that."

"Which you will admit is a very great point in my favor," Bell said, gravely.

"I begin to think that I have done you a great injustice," Littimer admitted. "But, under the circumstances, I don't see how I could have done anything else. Look at that picture. It is exactly the same as mine. There is exactly the same discoloration in the margin in exactly the same place."

"Probably the fly lay on the top of one another for scores of years," he said. "I can't see the slightest difference in the smallest particular. Even now I cannot rid myself of the feeling that I am in the picture of some kind of plot or delusion. The house is quiet now and there is nobody about. Before I believe the evidence of my senses—and I have had cause to doubt them more than once—I should like to compare this print with mine. Will you follow me to the gallery if you haven't forgotten the way?"

Littimer took up the treasure from the table gingerly. He was pleased and at the same time disappointed; pleased to find that he had been mistaken all these years, and disappointed to find that his picture was unique no longer. He said nothing until the alcove was reached and Chris drew back in the shadow to let the others pass.

"Now to settle the question for all time," Littimer said. "Will you be so good as to turn on the electric light? You will find the switch in the angle of the wall on your right. And when we have settled the affair and I have apologized to you in due form, you shall command my services and my purse to right the wrong. If it costs me \$10,000, the man who has done this thing shall suffer. Please to put up the light, Bell."

Chris listened breathlessly. She was not quite certain what she was about to see. She could hear Bell fumbling for the light, she heard the click of the switch, and then she saw the brilliant belt of flame flooding the alcove. Littimer paused and glanced at Bell, the latter looked round the alcove as if seeking for something.

"I cannot see the picture here," he said. "If I have made a mistake—"

Littimer stood looking at the speaker with eyes like blazing stars. Just for a moment or two he was speechless with indignation.

"You charlatan," he said, hoarsely. "You barefaced trickster." Bell started back. His mute question stung Littimer to the quick. "You wanted to be cleared," the latter said. "You wanted to befool me again. You come here in some infernally cunning fashion, you steal my picture from the frame and have the matchless audacity to pass it off for a second one. Man alive, if it were earlier I would have you dragged from the house like the ungrateful dog that you are."

Chris checked down the cry that rose to her lips. She saw, as in a flash of lightning, the brilliancy and simplicity and cunning of Benson's latest and most masterly scheme.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

After the first passionate outburst of scorn Lord Littimer looked at his visitor quietly. There was something almost amusing in the idea that Bell should attempt such a trick upon him. And the listener was thoroughly enjoying the scene now. There was quite an element of the farcical about it. In the brilliant light she could see Littimer's dark, bitter face and the help-

less amazement on the strong features of Hatherly Bell. And, meantime, the man who had brought the impossible situation about was calmly sleeping after his strenuous exertions.

Chris smiled to herself as she thought out her brilliant coup. She looked to her nothing less than a stroke of genius, two strokes in fact, as will be seen presently. Before many hours were over Benson's position in the house would be seriously weakened. He had done a clever thing, but Chris saw her way to a cleverer one still.

Meanwhile the two men were regarding one another suspiciously. On a round Chippendale table the offending Rembrandt lay between them.

"I confess," Bell said, at length, "I am astonished when I come to think of the amazing cunning and audacity of my antagonist. He has more foresight than myself. Lord Littimer, will you be so kind as to repeat your last observation over again?"

"I will emphasize it, if you like," Littimer replied. "For some deep purpose of your own, you desired to make friends with me again. You tell me you are in a position to clear your character. Very foolishly I consented to see you. You come here with a roll of paper in your possession purporting to be a second copy of my famous print. All the time you knew it to be mine—mine, stolen an hour or two ago and passed instantly to you. Could audacity go farther? And then you ask me to believe that you came down from town with a second engraving in your possession."

"As I hope to be saved, I swear it!" Bell cried.

"Of course you do. A man with your temerity could swear anything. Credulous as I may be, I am not credulous enough to believe that the picture would be stolen at the very time that you found yours."

"Abstracted by my enemy on purpose to land me in this mess," he said. "Ridiculous," Littimer cried. "Pshaw, I am a fool to stand here arguing. I am a fool to let you stay in the house. Why, I don't believe you could bring a solitary witness to prove that yonder picture was yours."

"You are mistaken, my lord. I could bring several. Witnesses whose characters would bear investigation."

"I fancy so," Bell said, quietly. "Two nights ago, for instance, I showed the very picture lying before you to a lady of your acquaintance, Miss Enid Benson. I couldn't have done it if I hadn't been made the victim of a vile conspiracy."

"Why do you insult me by mentioning that name?" Littimer said, hoarsely. His face was very pale, and a sombre anger smouldered in his eyes.

"I did," he said, coolly. "Lady Littimer was in the room at the time."

Something like a groan escaped from Littimer's pallid lips. The smouldering light in his eyes flashed into flame. He advanced upon Bell with a quivering, uplifted arm. Chris slipped swiftly out of the shadow and stood between the two men.

"Dr. Bell speaks the truth," she said. "And I am going to prove it."

Littimer dropped into a chair and gave way to silent laughter. His mood had changed utterly. He lounged there, a cynical, amused man of the world again.

"Upon my word, I am vastly obliged to you for your comedy," he said. "I hope your salary as leading lady in Bell's company is a handsome one, Miss Lee."

"Let us hope that it is more handsome than your manners, my lord,"

Chris said, tartly. "I beg to remark that I have never seen a lady in your company."

"Oh, yes, I have," he said. "I expected something of the kind. The Rembrandt was stolen, some time before Dr. Bell arrived here, and in due course I shall show the thief."

"Lord Littimer, I implore you to be silent and discreet in this matter. Have a little patience. Quite by accident I have made an important discovery, but this is hardly the place to discuss it. Before daylight I hope to be able to prove beyond question that you have greatly wronged Dr. Bell."

"I shall be glad to be convinced of it," Littimer said, sincerely. "But why this secrecy?"

"Secrecy is absolutely necessary for the conviction of the thief," Bell looked eagerly at the speaker.

"I have not the remotest notion who this young lady is," he said. "But I am greatly obliged to her."

"My name is Miss Lee," Littimer murmured. "An American from Boston, and evidently a great deal cleverer than I gave her credit for. This is saying a great deal. Miss Lee, if you know anything, I implore you to speak."

"Here," Chris said firmly. "Stone walls have ears. I tell you the Rembrandt was stolen just before Dr. Bell reached the house. Also I tell you it is imperative that nobody but ourselves must know the fact of the theft. You trust me, Lord Littimer?"

"I trust you as implicitly as I do anybody," Chris smiled at the diplomatic response. She approached the head of the wall on which the Rembrandt had been fastened. She indicated the long steel stays which had been clamped on to the iron frame. "Look at them," she said. "It was my suggestion that the stays should be attached to the frame to prevent anything like this robbery."

"The stays secure myself. And what happened to justify my prudence? Why, the very same night somebody came here after the picture."

"Henson!" Littimer cried. "Ah! But he could have come openly."

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What do you say to a hunt round for an hour or two whilst the house is quiet?"

Bell assented eagerly. Chris waited with what patience she could command till daylight began to show faintly and rosy in the east. Then she held the Rembrandt outside, and Littimer and Bell staggered in carrying the frame between them.

"Got it," Littimer exclaimed, with the triumphant exultation of a schoolboy who was successfully locked a rare bird's-nest. "We found it half-way down the cliff, hidden behind a patch of samphire. And it doesn't seem to be any the worse for the adventure. Now, Miss Lee, seeing that we have the frame, perhaps you will fulfil your promise of convincing me, once and for all, that yonder Rembrandt cannot possibly belong to me."

"I am going to do so," Chris said, quietly. "You told me you had to cut the margin of your print by an inch or so round to fit that quaint old frame. So far as I can see, the print before you is quite intact. Now, if it is too large for the frame, it is too large for the picture."

Littimer nodded eagerly. Bell fitted the dingy paper to the back of the frame and smiled. There was an inch or more to spare all round. Nobody spoke for a moment.

You could make it smaller, but you wouldn't make it better," Littimer said. "Bell, when I have sufficiently recovered I'll make a humble and abject apology to you. And now, wise woman from the West, what is the next act in the play?"

CHAPTER XXXIV.

Chris smiled with the air of one who is perfectly satisfied with her work.

"For the present I fancy we have done enough," she said. "I want to go to bed now, and I want you both to do the same. Also I shall be glad if you will come down in the morning as if nothing had happened. Tell Reginald Henson casually that you have been convinced that you have done Dr. Bell a grave injustice, and give no kind of particulars. And please treat Mr. Henson in the same fashion as before. There is only one other thing."

"Name it, and it is yours," Littimer cried.

"Well, cut the margin off that print, or at any rate turn the margin down, fit it into the frame, and hang it up as if nothing had happened."

Littimer looked at Chris with a puzzled expression for a moment, and then his features relaxed into a satyr-like grin.

"Capital," he said. "I quite understand what you mean. And I must be there to see, eh?—yes, I must be there to see. I would not miss it for strawberry leaves!"

The thing was done and the picture restored to its place. Bell drew Chris aside for a moment.

"Do you mind going to the morning?" he asked, meaningly.

"Always," Chris replied demurely. "I find the terrace charming before breakfast. Good-night."

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## ON THE FARM.

VARIATIONS IN APPLES.

As competition in fruit growing becomes more intense, it is necessary to make finer distinctions in every way, says Mr. W. P. Gould. It is necessary to consider matters from a special, rather than from the general point of view. The fact that a variety is not an entity in itself, fixed and invariable, but is rather, in a large degree, the result of the conditions under which it is grown, is becoming more fully recognized each year, and of increasingly great moment in commercial orcharding. It is the basis of the oft-repeated question, "What variety shall I plant?" This is a question easily asked but often exceedingly difficult to answer in a safe and intelligent manner.

To one who is carefully observing varieties which are grown under widely different conditions, the remarkable departure from usual types is a most conspicuous feature, and often a most puzzling one as well. Frequently the variation from usual forms is so great that the identity is nearly obscured and no doubt, sometimes completely so. There are many agencies at work which conspire to produce these new varieties. They may be well summed up, however, in one category of environment. The number of these agencies can be classified under two headings, soil and climate, of which the latter is the more important in the present consideration because more nearly beyond the control of man's power.

The orchardist is a most important factor in the case, when the behavior of varieties is the thing in question. Verily, man is the greatest disturbing element in all the universe. In my study of the adaptability of varieties I am impressed more and more each year with the fact that the individuality of the

fruit grower is one of the most potent factors in shaping results, and I find that in order to interpret correctly the behavior of any variety in any place, it is just as necessary to study the man in charge as it is to study the soil, the climate,

OR ANY OTHER FACTOR.

Do not mistake my meaning. A few words in explanation will make it plain. One fruit grower prunes and cultivates and fertilizes his orchard; another one, his neighbor, does not. In the first case the orchard is thrifty, the fruit is large, the crops regular and abundant; in the second orchard all these evidences of perfect adaptation are wanting and the varieties seem to be weak of tree, too small of fruit, and irregular in the bearing of even scanty crops.

Perhaps one orchard is thoroughly sprayed; the fruit holds the trees well and is free from imperfections. Another orchard of the same varieties is unsprayed; much of the fruit drops prematurely and of that which remains, some varieties appear to be ruinously subject to scab and therefore not adapted to the conditions. But if thorough and intelligent care will overcome such evidences of poor adaptation, shall we say that the lack of it is due to some inherent fault of the variety, or shall we lay the trouble at the feet of the owner and say that he lacks adaptation to fruit growing?

But the fact of great variation in varieties, in some more than in others, is an essential thing to be grasped, and the man's power to direct variation rests in his ability to make or change environment, that beyond man's power, there are also agencies at work, having each its own influence upon the forms of life within its sphere. The practical application of these deductions to the solution of the variety problem is: Study the varieties you wish to plant under as many different conditions as possible, carefully noting the variations which you see; be sure to connect cause and effect; then study the conditions under which you wish to plant them, and be governed thereby.

SANITARY MILK IN DEMAND.

The consumer is becoming educated to the belief that looks and taste are no certain criterion to purity in milk. People of means are looking for a pure milk supply, one which is not only produced but handled at all points under the most approved sanitary regulations. The producer is often the one least to blame for the unsanitary conditions which reach the consumer. The railroad companies seldom have their cars sufficiently cooled, and milk often stands in large cans on the platform, in hot summer sun, for several hours before shipping.

The solution of the matter, it seems to me, lies in the producer controlling all the conditions from the cow to the consumer. This seems impractical when shipping milk to large cities at a long distance, but a combination of a hundred farmers could control both the producing and the marketing ends of the business, while in the small cities the farmer has the matter in his own hands, as he usually peddles his own milk.

Success in the production of sanitary milk may be summed up in the words, cleanliness, cool temperature. In other words, use extreme care that dangerous or unwholesome bacteria do not find access to the milk, and that the temperature is kept below the point where the common bacteria of the air will grow and multiply sufficiently to cause harm.

These two points, cleanliness and low temperature, for accomplishment require eternal vigilance from start to finish. The water used for cleaning purposes should be of the purest kind and from an unquestionable source. Milkers who have recently had any contagious disease or who are members of a family where such disease exists should be dismissed as milkers till all danger is passed.

Extreme cleanliness will not insure long keeping qualities unless the milk is quickly cooled after milking. The common bacteria which cause milk to sour are everywhere present in the air. These are soon taken in by the warm milk, and if the milk remains warm for an hour or more the bacteria increase in vast numbers. Bottling the product to exclude the air and dust, as soon as possible after cooling, is the next essential to a pure milk supply. Exposure to the air in large cans, or being transported in cans not carefully steamed, may soon spoil a good grade of milk. Steaming all milk utensils is an item of extreme importance. Pails, cans or bottles, not thoroughly sterilized, will quickly contaminate any milk which may be placed in them.

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### Brighten the Lonely Homes.

Those who know the great West of Canada can easily picture to themselves the country, the scattered homesteads, the primitive shacks, the miners' huts, which are inhabited by those pioneers who are winning for us this vast and fertile territory at the cost of endless toil and hardship. Such conditions are inseparable from a new country, however full of beauty and natural resources. Where there are families of children, a little school-house may be within reach during perhaps six months of the year. The other resources of civilization are conspicuous by their absence.

There is the home, with its walls bare of pictures and ornaments; the little shelf in the corner, with its treasures have been read and re-read, and on the table the little newspaper which is published weekly in the town twenty miles off, and which is the only source of information as to what is going on in the outside world. Think of the men, especially the bachelors, who are living out their lives amid these surroundings, who have to come back to them after their hard day's work. Think of the women who cannot have even the variety of getting away to the fields or the market, but who have to face the monotony and drudgery of the housework, year in and year out, if the children are to be cared for and the home kept together. Think of the children who are growing up amidst this environment.

What can be done to brighten the homes of those who live twenty and thirty and forty miles away from post office or village, and where neighbors are few and far between? The Aberdeen Association is answering this question by distributing large quantities of good reading matter, pictures, games, flower seeds, etc., among those who cannot afford such things for themselves. Unfortunately the supply is entirely inadequate. In most Canadian homes there are quantities of books, magazines, pictures, Christmas cards, calendars, and so on, that are looked upon as useless lumber, and yet these would be greatly appreciated by many isolated families. Why not start now to send a parcel of the best of these things at regular intervals to the nearest branch of the Aberdeen Association for distribution? What could better exemplify the spirit of good will to men that prevails at the Christmas season? The branch organizations are at Brandon, Calgary, Halifax, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Montreal, Ottawa, St. John, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria and Winnipeg, and there are local secretaries at each place to whom parcels should be addressed. The general secretary is Mr. C. F. Whitley, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, who will gladly give further information concerning the work of the Association.

### Presentation and Address

To Mr. and Mrs. James Cranston on the Occasion of Their Removal to Rawdon.

About sixty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. James Cranston assembled at their home, seven miles west of Tweed, on Thursday evening, Dec. 1st, to spend a farewell social evening with them prior to their removal to Rawdon. Mr. and Mrs. Cranston have been residents of Hungerford for a number of years, and by their industry and integrity have won the esteem of the community. As a slight token of this they were presented with two beautiful chairs and the following address, which was read by Mr. William Craig:

To Mr. and Mrs. JAMES CRANSTON:  
An old adage says "the best of friends must sometimes part." We, your neighbors and friends, who have been associated with you for the past decade or more, knowing of your contemplated removal from this community, have taken this opportunity of coming to say goodbye, feeling that the occasion is one calling for an expression of our esteem for you as a neighbor and a citizen.

We have watched with pride your career since becoming a resident of our fair country some twenty years ago, and believe it to be such as to command itself to the young men of to-day. By industry and perseverance you have made a marked success of your chosen calling, and we regret (though perhaps it is for your own best interests) that you have seen fit to take up your residence elsewhere.

As a faithful and devoted neighbor we regret your departure, but trust and hope that the lives of both of you may be long spared to enjoy the comforts and happiness of your new home, and that the fruits of an honest, upright life may be yours.

We have therefore to ask you to accept, not for their intrinsic value, but as a slight token of our esteem, these chairs, coupled with our best wishes for future prosperity, and that God may bestow upon you and your family the richest blessings of his Kingdom.

Signed on behalf of your neighbors and friends,  
JOSEPH BATEMAN,  
W. H. CRAIG,  
J. H. SAYERS,  
HERBERT MORRISON.  
Mr. Cranston responded briefly to the kind expressions made use of in the address, expressing the regret he felt at leaving the friends among whom he had resided for so many years. Speeches were made by Messrs. Elliott, Robt. Sayers, Wm. Gordon, Jos. Bateman, W. H. Craig, J. H. Sayers, and others. The evening was spent in social intercourse and music, Mrs. Wm. Craig rendering a very pleasing vocal selection. Refreshments were also served, after which the guests returned to their various homes.

### Must Be Quick.

Pains in the stomach and attacks of the colic come on so suddenly and are so extremely painful that immediate relief must be obtained. There is no necessity of sending for a doctor in such cases if a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is at hand. No doctor can prescribe a better medicine. For sale by Morton & Haight.

### THE SCENE PAINTER.

He Plays an Important Part in Staging a Modern Play.

When a play has been accepted for production it is sent to the scene painter, who goes over it carefully, taking note of all details to be reproduced. Then, if the subject is difficult, he makes a sketch of it in the flat. If this proves satisfactory to manager, actor and author, he builds it up in a miniature model on the scale of half an inch to the foot as perfect in proportion and exquisite in detail as the finished scene. An old gentleman lately, looking over a collection of models in one of the New York studios, remarked that his granddaughter would be delighted to have them for doll houses. The proprietor of the studio smiled to himself. The models for a single play cost well up toward a thousand dollars. For an ordinary four act comedy the models, scenes, properties and costumes cost, let us say, five or six thousand dollars. The cost of the great scenic productions is never as much as the press agents say, but has been known to exceed \$100,000.

When the model is approved, the stage carpenter takes measurements for such framework as may be necessary. The clumsy construction of the old days has given way to the solid sort of building. Windows slide in their sashes; doors slam, shut and lock. Staircases are solid to the tread. Trees are built up in the round, and columns are turned out of solid wood. But as every show is intended to travel among all the great cities of the continent the heaviest scene must be made up of pieces short enough to be packed in a freight car.

The scene painter marks out the pieces of his model in tiny squares and then hangs a huge canvas beside the paint bridge with corresponding squares in scale. The draftsman stands on the bridge with a piece of charcoal on a stick like a billiard cue and square by square copies the lines of the model, while an assistant raises and lowers the cloth with tackle. Then the body paint is put on, and the details are added until the cloth is complete.—John Corbin in Scribner's.

### A WOMAN'S PHILOSOPHY.

There ain't no possible good 's c'n come o' lendin' money to them 's ain't able to pay it back.

'S far 's my observation 's extended, it's always folks a long ways off 's it's wisest to lay all faults to.

No woman as 's goin' to fall in love ever ought to begin by marryin' another man first. It mixes things all up.

'S far 's my observation 's extended, no one don't ask for advice 'less they've pretty well made up their mind not to take it.

It's better for you to learn the lesson 's all is vanity now than to wait 'n' have it fall on your head like a unexpected pickle jar.

I didn't get my trunk down 'cause I'll have Friday to pack anyhow, 'n' any one c'n slide a trunk down a ladder any time, but nobody can't never slide nothin' up nowhere.—Susan Clegg and Her Friend, Mrs. Lathrop, by Anne Warner.

### Vivisection.

There is a knowledge which is heavenly, a knowledge which is human and a knowledge which is diabolic; there is a knowledge which is blessed and a knowledge which is accursed. The first is ennobling and elevating and lifts man toward God. The second is debasing, degrading, and drags men toward the pit. The knowledge gained by rooting amid the groans and agonies of living creatures, whom their Maker and ours put into our power to teach us mercy, as he gives mercy to us, is such an accursed knowledge that only demons could seek for it, and it can turn to no human good. "Science" so gained is not for men, but for devils.—Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson in Success.

### Battles in the Snow.

Many great battles have been fought in the snow, Elian and Hohenlinden being familiar examples. Ansterlitz was fought in intensely cold weather, and the Russian losses were increased by Napoleon turning the fire of his artillery on the frozen lakes over which the Russians sought to retreat. In our civil war Fort Donelson was captured in February, Fredericksburg was fought in December, Stone River Dec. 31, 1862, Jan. 2, 1863, and Thomas defeated and ruined Hood's army at Nashville on the 15th and 16th of December, 1864.

### His Mark.

It is well known that people who are unable to write usually use for their signatures the familiar cross or X. Why this sign is used instead of any other is not generally known. In times long gone by the early Christians used to sign with the cross to distinguish them from the heathen. Kings and nobles, too, were wont to affix a cross to documents, whether they could write or not, as a symbol that they pledged themselves to the Christian faith and thus to the truth of the matter to which the cross was affixed.

### A Retort.

"You are not in it with me," said the nightingale, with a superior air. "You can't touch a high note at all." "No!" replied the bird of paradise. "Why, even when I'm dead and embalmed on a bonnet I'll bet I'll come pretty near touching a fifty dollar note, all right."

### To Clean Up Silver.

"They say alcohol will clean silver up nicely," remarked the man who no quires facts.

"It will," agreed the red nosed individual. "It cleaned up all my silver."—Philadelphia Record.

### Halilway

From Our Correspondent.

Mr. Stephen Jose and wife of New-castle visited his mother at Xmas. Mr. Wm. Jose, of Massasauga spent Xmas with his mother. Mrs. Geo. Lynde and child of Deloraine, Man., is visiting relatives here. Wedding bells will be ringing in our neighborhood this week. A successful Xmas tree was given in the church on Wednesday night last by the Sunday School. Proceeds amounted to \$22.

Mr. Arthur Foster, Student Pastor at Sidney Baptist Church left on Tuesday for Arcola, Assa.

### A Certain Cure for Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz.: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a quick cure is sure to follow. Mr. M. F. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in several cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by Morton & Haight.

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Also, a full line of FRUIT, GROCERIES and CONFECTIONERY.

JOHN SHAW.

### Spring Brook.

From Our Correspondent.

The Xmas entertainment held on Dec. 23rd was a decided success. Financially and otherwise. The Sunday School will have about \$30 to add to its treasury.

We missed mentioning in our last that the population of this place was increased by an only son to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lott, and another daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams.

Owing to the storm and bad roads Mrs. Heagle's sale did not take place as advertised.

The brick hotel will have a new proprietor at New Year's. Walter Potts is going out, and Ben Cooney going in. Joe McEwen has gone north to keep books for Mr. Morgan at his new mill. We wish him success in his new undertaking. Some one will miss Joe's smiles.

Jno. McConnell of Madoc paid a flying visit to some of his old friends this week.

The contract for the erection of the new lift lock at Kirkfield on the Trent Canal has been awarded to the Dominion Bridge Company of Montreal.

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks

up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand.

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Over 200 of this season's newest styles of Cloth Coats will be sold at just HALF THE MARKED PRICE.

We bought very heavily and have too many left at this season of the year, so we follow our policy of starting the next year with everything new. It means a great loss to us but our customers will reap the benefits.

\$15 Jackets for	\$7.50.	\$8 Jackets for	\$4.00.
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to January 1st, 1905, 10c

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at two o'clock, p.m., the following Valuable Farm Property, viz:—

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Dated the 8th day of December, A.D. 1904.

### NOMINATION MEETING.

4th County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors will be held at the Town Hall in

MARMORA VILLAGE

ON THE

19th day of December, 1904,

between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillor for the Fourth County Council Division of the County of Hastings.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling sub-divisions within the said district on Monday, the 2nd day of January, 1905, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1904.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL,  
Nominating Officer.



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BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY,  
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BELLEVILLE.  
Harold.  
From Our Correspondent.

Owing to the severe weather, few  
people were driving on Xmas day, and  
those who did go out regretted it heartily.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Scott spent Xmas at  
Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reid and Mr. and  
Mrs. Wm. Reid of Springfield, spent  
Xmas at their parent's home, Mr. Miles  
Reid, West Huntingdon.

A very pleasant event took place in  
the school house at S. S. No. 17, when  
about thirty of the parents gathered to  
witness a very good programme given  
by the children, and which reflected  
great credit on their teacher. At the  
close of the programme the chairman,  
Mr. W. Draup, asked the teacher,  
Miss M. Milne, to come to the front,  
when the following address was read,  
and she was presented with a beautiful  
fruit dish set in silver:

"We, the pupils of S. S. No. 17, Rawdon,  
learn with regret of your determination  
to sever your connection with us. For the  
past three years you have diligently la-  
bored for our welfare. By your patient  
example and loving kindness you have en-  
deavored yourself to our hearts.  
We know that at times we have tried  
your patience sorely, yet with untiring  
zeal you have discharged your every duty  
faithfully.  
We cannot permit you to depart from  
us without some small token of our love  
and respect for you. We beg you will  
kindly accept this silver fruit set and trust  
it may serve to keep green in your mem-  
ory the boys and girls who will miss you  
so much, and may God's richest blessing be  
yours, not only as pertains to temporal  
but also to spiritual and eternal things.  
Signed on behalf of the school,  
LENA REID,  
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**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail & Ex. 8:27 a.m. Passenger 10:17 a.m.  
Passenger 8:42 p.m. Mail & Ex. 9:45 p.m.

## The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY DEC. 29, 1904.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

To all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Go to Ward's for Good Furs.

There will be no service in the school-  
house at River Valley until Friday  
evening, Jan. 6th.

A lengthy report of the recent exam-  
inations in the High School is unavoid-  
ably held over to next week.

Read Ward's advt., it may interest you  
and save you money.

Don't miss the concert in the Music  
Hall Monday evening, Jan. 2nd. Plan  
of hall at F. T. Ward's store.

The report of the Stirling Public  
School for December was handed in at  
so late an hour that it was impossible  
to publish it, and it has to be left over  
to next week.

New Year's Gifts at Ward's.

Now is the time to pay your subscrip-  
tion to THE NEWS-ARGUS for 1905, and  
secure one of our beautiful Christmas  
numbers, given free to all who pay one  
year in advance.

Thurlow township Council was elected  
by acclamation, and is as follows:—  
N. Vermilyea, Reeve, Dr. Faulkner,  
Geo. Caldwell, D. Poucher and Thos. J.  
Hurley, Councillors.

100 Small Boys wanted (age 5 to 10 yrs.)  
at Ward's, Saturday afternoon.

Sidney township Council has been  
elected by acclamation, as follows:—  
S. T. Vandervoort, Reeve. Councillors,  
M. F. Sullivan, J. M. Scott, C. H.  
Ketcheson, and J. H. Farrell.

D. H. Ackrill, V. S., of Belleville,  
says "a report is current that they are  
using ground corn cob in stock foods,"  
and thinks it would be well that the  
public should know of the report.

Mr. Alf. Wheeler, humorous enter-  
tainer, who will appear at the concert  
on Monday evening next in the Music  
Hall will be assisted by the best local  
talent. Mr. Wheeler comes highly  
recommended. Don't miss hearing him.

LOST—On the Ridge Road, a dark navy  
blue Kid Glove. Finder please leave at  
this office.

The entertainment given in the Meth-  
odist Church on Monday evening last,  
under the auspices of the Epworth  
League, was poorly attended. The  
programme was furnished by Miss Ver-  
milyea and Miss Bonisteel, interspersed  
with instrumental duets by local talent.

The annual concert of the Sunday  
School of St. John's Church will be held  
in the Music Hall on Friday evening.  
A good entertainment will be provided,  
a Christmas Tree will be on exhibition,  
and refreshments will be served. A  
good time is assured. Admission 25c.,  
children 15c.

One of the speakers at the nomina-  
tion meeting on Monday night said  
there were some of the members of the  
school board who should be left out.  
There are no doubt many who agree  
with this statement, but the trouble is  
to agree on what particular ones to  
leave out. There are no doubt many  
different opinions on this point.

The Village Council has been re-elected  
by acclamation, namely, W. S. Mar-  
tin, Reeve, and W. R. Mather, L.  
Meiklejohn, A. L. Hough, and Dr.  
Zwick, Councillors. The three retiring  
school trustees have also been re-elected  
by acclamation. Dr. Alger having with-  
drawn from the contest. They are C.  
W. Thompson, W. H. Calder and F. T.  
Ward.

The Rev. B. F. Byers has accepted  
the appointment to the parish of Stirling  
and Frankford. Mr. Byers is a  
graduate of Trinity College, Toronto,  
and has worked for over six years in  
the parish of Ameliasburg. His labours  
have been successful and appreciated  
by the people of his charge. Mr. Byers  
will probably enter upon his duties in  
Stirling on Jan. 15th. In the meantime  
the services will be held as usual by a  
Lay-Reader.

The hockey season opened here on  
Monday afternoon last when a game  
was played between the local team and  
the Belleville High School. There was  
a good attendance of spectators, con-  
sidering the cold weather, but the game  
was rather too one-sided to be interest-  
ing, as the home team were much too  
strong for the visitors, defeating them  
easily, the score being 13 to 0. This is  
no criterion of what is to follow, as it  
is expected a number of good games  
will be put on during the season.

Postponed.

On account of the storm the auction  
sale of Mrs. Emma A. Heagle, which  
was advertised to take place on Tues-  
day last, has been postponed until Fri-  
day, Jan. 6th; and the sale of Mr. Al-  
bert Hoard, advertised for Wednesday,  
Dec. 29th, has been postponed until  
Thursday, Jan. 5th.

Church union is making haste slowly,  
but it is moving forward.

Mr. Henry Pringle of Belleville has  
been selected as the Liberal candidate  
for West Hastings at the approaching  
election for the Ontario Legislature.  
Mr. Morrison, of Trenton, the former  
member, is the Conservative candidate.

At the Presidential reception given  
in the city of Mexico on Dec. 14th,  
President Diaz received a delegation of  
about 60 Canadians who called to pre-  
sent their congratulations on his re-  
election. Among those present were  
Sir William Mulock, W. A. Donley,  
Jas. Murray, J. H. McLeod, John  
Kerr, Capt. Halliwell, J. H. Carayn,  
Alex. Kerr, Prof. McNeely, Geo. J.  
Ham, F. W. Strong and Mr. Keeler.  
Capt. E. A. E. Halliwell presented the  
party to the president.

The storm of Tuesday was one of the  
worst ever experienced. Rain com-  
menced before daylight, continuing  
nearly all day, and freezing as it fell it  
made the sidewalks and streets in a  
most dangerous condition, and many  
accidents were reported in consequence.  
Mrs. W. R. Girdwood fell and broke  
an arm. Mr. Wm. Winsor fell and  
dislocated his thigh. Mr. John A.  
French fell while carrying a pail of  
water, and falling across the pail, broke  
one or more ribs. Many others fell on  
the slippery pavements, but fortunately  
escaped without serious injury.

The Christmas afternoon service at  
St. John's Church was largely attended.  
Bright and appropriate music was ex-  
cellently rendered by the choir, and  
"Holy Night" was beautifully sung  
by Mr. John M. Black. At the close  
of the service an address from the con-  
gregation was read by Mr. Jas. Bold-  
rick, bidding the Rev. Mr. Coleman  
farewell and expressing regret at his  
leaving in very kind and affectionate  
terms. Mr. Coleman in his reply, as  
well as in his sermon, spoke feelingly  
of his approaching departure, and of  
his good wishes for the continued pros-  
perity of the parish and the community  
of Stirling.

## Rawdon Nominations.

The old Council for the township of  
Rawdon has been elected by acclama-  
tion, with a change in the position of  
two of its members.—Mr. James Whit-  
ton being elected Reeve, and Mr. Paul  
Kingston, who was Reeve for 1904, be-  
ing elected Councillor. The Council  
for 1905 is therefore composed as follows:  
James Whitton, Reeve, and Geo.  
Burkitt, Paul Kingston, Thos. H.  
Matthews and John Tanner, Councillors.

## County Council Nominations.

The members of the County Council  
elected by acclamation are as follows:  
No. 1 Division, Sidney—B. M. Mal-  
lory and G. Nicholson.  
No. 2 Division, Thurlow—W. C. Far-  
ley and H. Denyes.  
No. 5 Division, Hungerford and Hun-  
tingdon—J. B. Morton and Andrew  
Kirk.  
No. 6 Division, Madoc, Elziver and  
Grimsthorpe—Luther Cornell and Thos.  
Tumulty.  
In Divisions Nos. 3, 4, and 7 there  
will be contests, voting taking place  
next Monday.

## Some New Teachers.

**The Recent Results of the Teach-  
ers-in-training at the Madoc  
Model School.**

The results of the recent examination  
of the teachers-in-training in the Madoc  
Model School are given below.  
Received III Class Certificates, valid  
for three years: William Russell  
Bateman, George Arnold Craig, Harry  
Hulin, Peter Sinclair McCaffrey,  
Howard McConnell, Adam Wesley Mc-  
Guire, Estella Rose Cragg, Bessie Snell,  
Emma Gertrude Wallace, Beth Kerr  
Wilson.

Received District Certificates: Al-  
bert Roy Brown (3 years), Loretta  
Woodcock (3 years), Helena May Cook  
(1 year), Bertha Louisa Cook (2 years),  
Frances Edna Henry (2 years), Jessie  
Johnson (3 years), Edith Gertrude Kel-  
laway (3 years), Mary McNamara (3  
years) Alma May Montgomery (3 years),  
Mary Mullin (2 years), Annetta Mabel  
Seeley (3 years), Florence Beatrice  
Tucker (3 years), Lillian Gertrude  
Westcott (3 years).

## A Big Surprise.

Another big surprise is announced in  
the Family Herald and Weekly Star of  
this week. No person who knows any-  
thing of the value of such a story as  
"The Prospector," could ever imagine any  
Canadian newspaper strong enough to  
pay the price demanded for the exclusive  
rights to such a story. Nevertheless  
the Family Herald by way of a Christ-  
mas present to its readers has actually  
secured it. "Nothing too good for the  
Family Herald readers" seems to be  
motto of the publishers of that great  
Weekly. We predict a greater demand  
than ever for the Family Herald, and  
few present readers will now want to  
miss their paper stopped. It will be  
remembered that the Family Herald  
had exclusive use of "The Man from  
Glengarry." Now it has the new and  
great story by the same author.

## Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe  
winter weather both my wife and myself  
contracted severe colds which speedily de-  
veloped into the worst kind of a gripe  
with all its miserable symptoms," says  
Mr. J. S. Eggleston, of Maple Landing,  
Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles  
sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose run-  
ning, with alternate spells of chills and  
fever. We began using Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a  
dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver  
Tablets, and by its liberal use soon com-  
pletely knocked out the grip."  
It is a good plan to take a dose of the  
Tablets when you have a cold. They pro-  
mote a healthy action of the bowels, liver  
and kidneys, which is always ben-  
eficial when the system is congested by a cold  
or attack of the grip. For sale by Morton &  
Haight.

## Wedding Bells.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. James  
Juby, near Madoc Junction, a very  
pretty wedding took place on Wednes-  
day eve., Dec. 21, when Mary C. Juby,  
niece of Mr. Jas. Juby, was united in  
marriage to Burton R. Saries, of Oak  
Hill Lake. The ceremony was per-  
formed by Rev. E. E. Howard, of West  
Huntingdon, and the only guests pre-  
sent were the near relatives of the bride  
and groom. Miss Mabel Smith of  
Campbellford played the wedding  
march.

The bride was dressed in white silk  
organdie, and the bridesmaid, Miss An-  
nie Smith, of Campbellford, was dressed  
in white eolienne. Both carried shower  
bouquets of white carnations. Miss  
Myrtle Winsor, niece of the groom, was  
flower girl. The groomsmen were Mr.  
Fred Saries, brother of the groom.

The groom's gift to the bride was a  
set of stone Marten furs; to the brides-  
maid a gold bracelet; and to the groom-  
man a gold stick pin. There were  
numerous and costly presents, among  
which was a purse of gold, the gift of  
her uncle.

## Simpson—Martin.

A very quiet home wedding was  
solemnized at the residence of Mr. and  
Mrs. David Martin on Tuesday after-  
noon last when their youngest daugh-  
ter, Hattie M., was united in marriage  
to Mr. Charles Simpson, of Dresden.

The ceremony was performed shortly  
after two o'clock, Rev. J. C. Bell offici-  
ating. Owing to recent bereavement  
in the family there were no invited  
guests, only the immediate relatives of  
the bride being present. The bride was  
unattended, and wore a very becoming  
gown of navy blue silk, and carried a  
beautiful bouquet of cream roses and  
ferns.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left on the 3.45  
train for Toronto, and from there they  
will go to their home in Dresden. Miss  
Martin was a general favorite in her  
circle of friends, and an active worker  
in the Methodist Church, where she  
will be greatly missed. Her many  
friends join in wishing the newly mar-  
ried couple the joy and happiness which  
will be theirs.

Archbishop Gauthier has appointed  
Rev. Father Dennis A. Twomey, of  
Ottawa, to the rectory of St. Michael's  
Church, Belleville, in succession to  
Monsignor Farrelly.

Letterheads, Noteheads, Billheads,  
Statements, Envelopes, and all office sta-  
tionery printed in good style at NEWS-  
ARGUS office. A large stock of various  
qualities always on hand. Prices right.

## PERSONALS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribu-  
tion to this column of all items of a personal  
nature, such as the arrival or departure of  
guests, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave  
a note at this office or drop a card into the  
post office, giving full particulars.

Miss Della Caldwell was home for Christ-  
mas.

Miss Lizzie Phillips, of Trenton, is home  
for the holidays.

Mr. Arthur Reynolds, of Belleville, spent  
Christmas at home.

Miss Justina Murray, of Marmora, is  
visiting friends in town.

Mrs. O. P. Butler, of Marmora, is visit-  
ing her parents in town.

Mrs. Coyne and daughter, of Trenton,  
are visiting relatives here.

Miss Grace Smith, of Renfrew, is the  
guest of the Misses Descent.

Miss Lambert, of Cambridge, is the  
guest of Mrs. (Rev.) D. Balfour.

Miss Jennie Descent spent the holiday  
visiting friends in Campbellford.

Mr. J. Hutchison, of Toronto, spent  
Christmas at Mr. Wm. McCann's.

The Misses Innes, of Campbellford, were  
guests of friends in town this week.

Mr. Chas. Vivian, of Stratford, is visit-  
ing his cousins, the Misses Phillips.

Mr. E. Whiteacre, of Toronto, was the  
guest of Miss Nina Demill, for Christmas.

Miss Annie Smith, of Campbellford, was  
visiting relatives in town and vicinity this  
week.

Mr. H. Denyes, of Carleton Place, was  
visiting friends and relatives in town this  
week.

Miss Emma Butler, of Belleville, spent  
Christmas with her sister, Mrs. A. L.  
Hough.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Frapp, of Campbell-  
ford, are spending the holidays with relatives  
in town and vicinity.

Miss Florence Chard, of Lindsay, is  
spending the Christmas holidays with her  
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chard.

Miss Maggie Tulloch, accompanied by  
her friend, Miss Lowe, of Toronto, are  
spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Lillian Westcott left on Wednes-  
day morning for Rainy River, where she  
has secured a position as school teacher.

Mr. W. M. Harris and little daughter,  
of Dresden, were the guests of Mr. and  
Mrs. D. Martin for a few days during this week.

Dr. J. A. Faulkner, of Montreal, E. J.  
Doak and H. Kennedy, of Toronto, A. R.  
Girdwood, B.A., of North Bay, F. A. Kir-  
wood and Chas. and Byrne Black, of Nap-  
anee, and Harry Black, of Montreal, spent  
Christmas at their homes here.

## Auction Sales.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11.—On lot 11 in the  
10th ward of Rawdon, the farm stock and  
implements belonging to Mr. Levi Mason.  
Sale at 1 o'clock, p. m. Wm. Rodgers,  
Auctioneer.

## Births.

CHARD—In Keene, on Dec. 23rd, to Mr. and  
Mrs. Alfred Chard, a son, all born.

## Married.

SNEATH-HARRIS—At the residence of Mrs.  
Edward Rumsall, Rawdon, on Dec. 26th, by  
Rev. D. Balfour, Wm. Sneath, of Hamilton,  
and Alice Estella Harris, of Rawdon.

SIMPSON-MARTIN—At the residence of the  
bride's parents, on Dec. 27th, by the Rev. J. C.  
Bell, M.C. F. Smith, of Dresden, O.P., of  
Miss Hattie Martin, youngest daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, Stirling.

## RAW FURS.

The undersigned is prepared to pay the  
best market price during the season for  
all kinds of Raw Furs delivered at Geo.  
Reynolds' Boot & Shoe Shop.  
GEORGE GREEN.

# STIRLING'S Popular Cash Store.

Christmas welcomes you to this store. Large assortment of Fancy China  
Ware of all kinds.

LADIES' STOCK COLLARS—Ladies' Silk Collars from 25c. to \$2.50  
each. Don't miss looking at our very fine assortment.

Ladies' Wool and Silk Lined Kid Gloves, numerous prices and all shades,  
Novelties in Silk Ribbons, something new.

Fancy Handkerchiefs in cotton, linen and silk. SPECIAL—a line of Child-  
ren's Fancy Colored Handkerchiefs, 15c. doz.

Scarfs, all colors, for Ladies and Gentlemen.

Christmas Novelty, in Fancy Braces, one pair in each box.

GENTLEMEN'S TIES—We have the newest styles in puffs and string  
ties of all kinds, and all the latest shades.

Ladies' SHOPPING BAGS, the newest idea, at modern prices.  
Ladies' Fancy PUFF COMBS, newest shapes.  
A New Waist can be bought at a big discount at G. N. MONTGOMERY'S.  
He is selling them cheap.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—A range of Ladies' Ready-To-Wear Waists, silk  
and lustre, in all colors.

## SKIRT BARGAIN—Cheap Skirts.

On Friday, Dec. 16th, only, we offer great discounts, for cash only, on all  
our Ready-to-Wear Skirts.

Regular \$5.00 Skirt for	\$3.50.
" \$4.00 Skirt for	\$3.00.
" \$3.50 Skirt for	\$2.75.
" \$2.50 Skirt for	\$1.75.

Note this sale, one day only, Friday, Dec. 16th.

DRESS GOODS—We cannot commence to tell you about our very large  
range in Dress Goods, but will ask you all to examine them carefully before  
buying elsewhere.

WRAPPERETTES—Our prices are the lowest and nearly every pattern  
you can ask for.

FUR ROBES—two only—at a bargain. Don't wait too long until they  
are sold. This is the time you need them.

## Men's Ready-To-Wear Clothing.

A shipment just arrived. We guarantee them all. Pick out a nice suit  
for the holidays. Prices cannot be beaten.

Men's Overcoats at \$7.50, regular price \$10.00.

Men's Overcoats at \$5.50, regular price \$7.50—special lines.

Men's Wear in general—we have a full range—Cardigan Jackets, Pea  
Jackets, Sweaters, Pants, Shirts, Socks, Collars, Ties, Scarfs, Braces, Gloves,  
Mitts, Caps, Overalls, etc.

## GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Raisins, choicest, 3 1/2 lbs. for	25c.	Mixed Cakes, 3 lbs. for	25c.
Raisins, cleaned, 3 1/2 lbs. for	25c.	Shelled Nuts of all kinds.	
Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, 25c. lb.		Weston's Choice Cakes, all kinds, give them a trial.	
Mince Meat, only	10c. lb.		
Canned Peas, 3 cans for	25c.		

TEAS—Our 25c. Tea will stand the test. Don't be afraid to try a sample.  
Package free. Satisfaction guaranteed.

POUKRY WANTED—Paying 10c. lb. for geese, 15c. for turkeys, 10c.  
for ducks, 8c. for fowl.

Paying 17c. lb. for Butter. Bring us your Fresh Eggs.

## G. N. MONTGOMERY.

MILNE'S OLD STAND.

If men will have no care for the  
future they will soon have sorrow for  
past.

Owing to the scarcity of High School  
teachers the Department of Education  
may be forced to issue special permits  
to teach until the next summer examina-  
tion at Hamilton Normal College fur-  
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## LOVE'S SACRIFICE

Don't ever, please, as you value my friendship, strike those chords again. I'm getting on in life—I shall be sixty soon—but the tragedy associated with those few bars you've just played is as fresh to-day as it was years ago.

I've never told you? Perhaps not. Some things a man cannot confide even to his nearest and dearest. And to-day, the twenty-first, happens to be the anniversary when I lost the woman who was to have been my wife.

"Pagliacci"—there, I've said it. The title of that wonderful opera is written in my brain, but the word has never once escaped my lips since that day. Yet, somehow, it came to you, my dear companion and musical enthusiast, to tell you why.

Long ago, then, shortly after the opera's first production, I joined a travelling company. My voice was considered good, a great career being prophesied for me, and I doubt became instantly the star of the principal members of the troupe. We had toured the provinces some while, our repertoire consisting of old favorites like "The Bohemian Girl" and "Maritana," when our conductor, a man whose heart was absorbed in his profession, suggested that I should play the role of the first Leoncavallo's masterpiece.

We were dubious at first. Wagner even was not popular then, and a work like "Pagliacci" it was feared would prove above the heads of our audiences. For a travelling company we were very united, and at length our conductor's enthusiasm prevailed. The opera, with its strange mingling of tragedy and grim humor, its magnificent phrasing, full of genius, occupied our leisure hours thereafter.

But before we were anything like perfect a rift occurred within our usually happy life. The soprano declined to sing Nedda; the part didn't suit her, she said. In our hearts we concurred; at the same time, our manager didn't like the idea of shelving the thing at the last moment. Business had been good of late, so another actress was engaged who would act as understudy for the regular soprano.

With the advent of Elsa Waring came chaos into our hitherto harmonious assembly. The hearts of the male members were aflame when she appeared. A mere girl, scarcely twenty-one, she looked younger; her beauty equaled only by her voice.

Rehearsing Nedda with us, we knew our conductor's instinct and judgment had been specially designed by Nature for the part.

From that day most of the lady members of our company were jealous of Elsa, and we, the men, of each other. At the opera I managed to render the new soprano a slight service, only to find desperately, madly in love.

But, alas! I was not alone. The others had been impressed likewise, whilst apparently she remained unconscious of admiration involuntarily inspired. At the opera I managed to have commanded all of us, down to the call-boy, to do her bidding and been cheerfully obeyed, but only three seemed in the running with her affections. One was Dorton, the chief and highest paid member of the company, a man English born with foreign blood in his veins; Cressel, a youth of twenty and boyish at that; and myself.

The weeks that followed were a period of alternating hopes and fears. Elsa might have been a born coquette, yet I felt she was not. One moment I thought Dorton the favored one, another Cressel, and occasionally myself. It was a time of uncertainty, for none had as yet definitely ascertained the state of affairs.

"Pagliacci" was put on and proved a huge success. You know the play well enough, my friend; have doubtless seen it scores of times; yet have you witnessed it when the actors actually felt the words they sang? Many a time I paused and reflected on the little drama that was being enacted within the drama.

Nedda—the public little guessing, Nedda—in her private capacity as Elsa had aroused the deepest passions of three also. As the clown I felt the gibes and scorn written in the part as keenly as though she personally, and not the author, had administered them. And Dorton, the outraged husband of Nedda, wondered what would happen if she rejected him.

Only Cressel did not figure in the opera, but he invariably hovered near whenever Elsa was on the stage. The boy watched her every movement and gesture, drank in every note of her wonderful voice.

One evening—we were showing in the Midlands—I was strolling through the town proud to go to the theatre, when I met Elsa. She was alone; we stopped and shook hands.

"You're early," she said, smiling, her great eyes looking into mine. They shone like stars, and amid her furs, the night was cold and wintry.

"Yes, cooling my brain," I answered.

"Then, if you're not careful, it'll freeze," she responded, laughing. "Let us walk on."

We proceeded some way in silence and then turned down a side, commonplace street.

"Miss Waring," I murmured at last, impulsively, "I want you to clear something up for me."

"Oh!" with a startled glance.

"What is it?"

"This," I responded, my voice sounding unlike my own. Since you joined us we've all fallen in love with you, and I don't know whether it would be better for me to resign."

"Resign?" Her step instinctively

grew slower; her eyes wore a different expression.

"Yes," I murmured, "it depends upon your answer. Elsa, I love you sincerely, truly. Have I a chance? Will you become my wife? I have taken my arm, and felt it tremble in mine. She looked up again, and tears were in her eyes now."

"Then you do love me?" she whispered.

The result was more than I dared hope. In an instant I had clasped her to me, and beneath the prosaic light of a street lamp pressed upon her lips a betrothal kiss.

"Then," I said, "Dorton and Cressel near by. There was barely time to notice their startled looks, and they passed on."

One request only had Elsa to make—that our engagement might be kept secret a while.

"Cressel's sake," she said, "Poor boy, he'll be awfully cut up when he hears. In a fortnight the tour will end. Do you think, dear, you can wait till then?"

It was on my tongue to tell her the truth was already known, but I restrained myself.

"Unless my face betrays my happiness, darling," was all I said.

We hurried on to the theatre. Dorton looked at me in a curious manner as I entered, but made no comment. His eyes gleamed with a twinkle, and his mouth betrayed the state of his nerves.

"He'll soon get over it," I thought. But I was mistaken.

As for Cressel, poor fellow, his appearance was woe-begone in the extreme as he came up. He extended a hand feebly.

"Congratulations," he murmured, his voice choking. "You've won a treasure."

"Thanks," I answered, warmly. "But my happiness is spoiled thinking of you. It hits you hard."

"Never mind," he responded, a smile breaking over his face. "Ah, there's the cue."

A moment later I was singing the prologue before the curtain.

Dorton that night never acted or sung better in his life. "Such a game, believe me, friends!"

The intensity and bitterness of the words they were addressed to myself and Elsa rather than to the "crowd."

The end of the first act scored a wonderful triumph. "On with the melody!" Till my dying day I shall never forget the underlying tragedy of those notes. His rendering was superb—a revelation; he was called and recalled till it seemed the audience would never let him go.

As a rule, between the acts I had little opportunity of seeing Elsa. To-night was no exception, and as I came up she was already on the stage.

Making my entrance to the dainty gavotte movement, I fancied she seemed nervous and unlike herself.

But with the rays of the limelight glancing in my eyes I thought I must be mistaken. Her voice, too, appeared less resonant, throaty even, till I became alarmed.

Dorton, following my exit, apparently noticed nothing; he was probably too much absorbed in his part.

And if he had been in excellent form in the first act, he was still more so in the second. You remember, of course, the finale, when Nedda seeks from Nedda the name of her lover. Nedda refuses. Dorton's eyes blazed as he sang; the intensity of his passion held everyone in the house—his colleagues as well—spellbound.

And then a fear suddenly seized my heart. What if, when it came to stabbing Nedda, he did so in very deed?

The thought was horrible. I tried to stifle and laugh down the fears. Why should I imagine such a thing? My brain must be overwrought.

We had played "Pagliacci" night after night, and I had invariably proceeded without a hitch.

At last came the climax. Nedda still refusing to disclose the name of her lover, Canio with a knife bends over and stabs her to the heart. A shriek, the lover rushes forward to expostulate, but is stabbed also. A moment of silence, tumultuous applause, and then the curtain fell.

But when it rose again Elsa was dead!

It was only then that we realized a tragedy had been enacted in every truth. Elsa, failing to take her part, had died.

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# STRONGEST PLACE EVER BEIEGED

## Port Arthur Compared With Six Crimean Sebastopols.

### THE STRONGEST PLACE.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Times quotes foreign correspondents who have just arrived from Port Arthur as saying that it is the strongest place that has ever been besieged. The things that the Japanese have accomplished almost stagger belief even when they are seen. They do not think that any other army in the world could have made such progress. They compare Port Arthur with six Crimean Sebastopols, all situated on hills and arranged to be mutually supporting, the groups connected by tramways and telephones, and backed by a massive wall, masking the movements of troops. The correspondents say the place undoubtedly will be captured, but meanwhile they strongly deprecate the over-estimation of the journals, which since August, have been promising the speedy reduction of the fortress, thereby depriving the army of part of the credit for its wonderful achievements.

### OYAMA ASSAULTED.

A despatch to the Temps from Tokyo says that Gen. Baron Kodama, Field-Marshal Oyama's chief of staff, has been recalled from Manchuria for striking Marshal Oyama.

### "NEVER RETREAT."

A despatch from Mukden says: Gen. Kouropatkin, addressing the troops on Sunday, said: "You must never allow yourselves to retreat. Even in the case of the smallest detachment, having once formed a plan it must be carried out to the end."

### SURPRISED JAPANESE.

A despatch from Mukden says: Volunteers who crossed the Sha River on Friday surprised a force of the enemy, killing about 100 and taking 15 prisoners. The Russian losses were trifling.

### JAPS TO EMPLOY CHARIOTS.

A despatch from Harbin says: Chinese from the south say the Japanese have brought 50,000 Chinese into southern Manchuria, but have great difficulty in feeding them. They also say the Japanese have prepared a thousand four-wheeled carts with iron shields in front, and on the sides, which are to be pushed by soldiers, in which are to be carried rapid-fire and machine guns.

Some frozen Japanese have been found in abandoned trenches. There is the greatest activity in Harbin, where the Russians are building enlarged baths, churches and hospitals.

A scheme has been discovered by which a Siberian merchant has been sending vodka to the front marked with a red cross and labeled as medical supplies. The perpetrator has been forced to leave the country.

Lack of Chinese silver is causing the depreciation of the rouble here, but the reported closing of the Chinese bank at Tio Pass is untrue.

### DESTROYERS ESCAPE.

A despatch to the London Telegraph from Chefoo says it is reported that eight Russian torpedo-boat destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur.

### KAMIMURA IS SCOUTING.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Express says that Admiral Kamimura's squadron, which is believed to be somewhere in the southern part of the China Sea, is regarded rather as an observing than a fighting squadron.

It is not believed that Admiral Rojstvensky, commanding the Baltic fleet, will come as far east as Saigon, but Japan does not propose to be caught napping. Practically the whole of Admiral Togo's fleet is ready to start southward at a day's notice. If the Baltic fleet is sighted he will abandon the blockade of Port Arthur and sail to meet it. The Ministry of Marine is flooded with applications from officers of Admiral Togo's fleet for permission to serve with Admiral Kamimura.

### CONCEALED IN WOOL.

The London Times' correspondent at Peking reports that the Chinese have seized at the Fengtai station, near Peking, three million rounds of Russian rifle ammunition consigned to a Russian firm at Tien-Tsin, and evidently designed for Port Arthur. The ammunition was concealed in bales of wool brought from Kalgan on camels.

### STILL RUN BLOCKADE.

A despatch to the London Times from Peking says that occasionally junks with ammunition and provisions still succeed in running the blockade of Port Arthur, although the price paid is costly. For every junk that is successful it is estimated that three are sunk by the Japanese. As all contraband transactions are financed by the Russo-Chinese Bank, detection is not difficult.

### LANDED WAR MUNITIONS.

A despatch to Tokyo from Sasebo says that the British steamship King Arthur, which was captured by the Japanese guard vessel on Dec. 19, while endeavoring to escape from Port Arthur, had landed a cargo of munitions of war outside

the harbor, under cover of the battleship Sevastopol.

Only three seaworthy destroyers are said to remain in Port Arthur.

### PRESENTS FROM ENEMIES.

A despatch from Mukden says: Volunteers on the night of Dec. 21 occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which they opened carefully, fearing that it might contain explosives, but they found in it wine, biscuits and sweets, and a letter in Russian, politely requesting its acceptance, "from disturbing neighbors."

### RUSSIANS RETULSED.

A despatch from General Oku's Headquarters, via Pusan, says: The Russians along the front of General Oku's army during the night of Dec. 20 made a determined attack on Lamuting but were driven back with heavy loss. The Japanese sustained no casualties.

Dismounted Russian cavalry attacked the cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of Dec. 20-21, but were repulsed with heavy loss. The Japanese sustained no casualties.

Small detachments of Russians nightly attack the Japanese outposts and patrols but with no success.

**OCCUPIED THE HEIGHTS.**  
A despatch received at Tokyo by telegraph on Thursday from the Japanese army before Port Arthur says: "The right column of the army at 5 o'clock Thursday morning, taking advantage of the enemy's excitement, drove them off an eminence north of Housanpenta on Pigeon Bay and occupied the position, and at 7 o'clock dislodged the enemy from a height on the peninsula west of Housanpenta, which we occupied, capturing one small gun. After the Japanese occupation of the positions the enemy made a counter-attack, but was immediately repulsed. At present our occupation of the position is practically secure."

### AN EXCUSE TO END WAR.

A despatch to St. Petersburg says: The Russian authorities have received information confirmatory of the Novoe Vremya's statement of Wednesday regarding the Chinese situation, indicating that the Japanese influence is predominant not only in the anti-foreign societies, but in the army and at Peking, forcing the conviction here that the situation is becoming critically dangerous. The belief prevails that in the Spring Japan, under the cover of an actual or threatened rising in China, will seek to secure the intervention of the powers to end the war. Direct evidence exists that the anti-foreign proclamations circulating in China are printed in Japan.

### JAPS DRIVEN FROM PORT.

According to the Chefoo correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph it is reported there that the flanking fire from other forts and the explosion of Russian mines have forced the Japanese to evacuate Itoshima fort, northward of 203-Metre Hill, with serious losses. It is stated that Gen. Nogi, the Japanese commander at Port Arthur, has asked for 60,000 reinforcements. Many have already arrived from the north.

Concurrently with the blowing up of Kikwanshan fort a Russian shell struck the fort on 203-Metre Hill, exploding a store of shells and grenades. The Japanese had gathered there. Great damage was done, and there were many casualties.

The unnamed height that was captured by the Japanese at the same time they captured the Kikwanshan fort is called Taotishan. It is crowded by a newly constructed Russian fort. After the Japanese had captured the height the Russians bombarded the position, but the Japanese guns on 203-Metre Hill protected it. Since then there has been desultory firing. The value of Kikwanshan fort at present is less than 203-Metre Hill, because it is more or less commanded from the neighboring hills, especially one 190 yards to the westward, which must be sapped. It is estimated that the Japanese losses in taking Kikwanshan fort were only 400.

### GUNS CAPTURED.

A despatch from Washington says: The following cablegram, dated Tokyo, Wednesday, has been received at the Japanese Legation: "Port Arthur army reports our trophies at the battle of the north fort of Tukeekwan were four quick-firers, whereas two are usable, five field guns, all usable, and ammunition, besides rifles, shells, and grenades, etc."

**SEVASTOPOL DISABLED.**  
A despatch from Tokyo says: Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, telegraphs to the Navy Department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinion, instanced by the fact that when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk Togo was one of the few officers of the

entire Japanese fleet whose eyes caught the vision of speedy disaster. Commander Yezzo, who was killed while torpedoing the Sevastopol, has been promoted and has been given other posthumous honors.

### STEAMER RUNS BLOCKADE.

A despatch to the London Daily Telegraph from Chefoo says that the steamer Lady Mitchell, flying the British flag and having a Norwegian crew, reached Port Arthur from Tsingtao last Saturday night. She carried a cargo of ammunition and dynamite, and took advantage of a snowstorm to run the Japanese blockade of the port.

### BOATS STILL SEA-WORTHY.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: While declining to give details, the Admiralty admits that Russian advices from Port Arthur sent by Gen. Stoessel substantially confirmed the Japanese advices of the partial wrecking of the Russian ships in the harbor, and the censor has been instructed to permit the publication of the despatches. It is claimed that several of the larger ships and a respectable number of torpedo-boat destroyers are still seaworthy, but that they are not being considered as a factor in the coming fight between Admiral Togo's ships and the Russian second Pacific squadron. If the fortress is relieved it is believed that most of the ships will be repaired and sent to sea. The reports that a Japanese squadron of 40 vessels had already sailed to meet the second Pacific squadron is regarded at the Admiralty here as being incorrect and circulated for a purpose.

### A POWERFUL GUN.

Navies Would Be at the Mercy of New Cannon.

A Paris despatch says: Great interest has been caused here by recent experiments with a new cannon, a secret invention. The most recent tests were made at Havre last Sunday in the presence of M. Bertaux, Minister of War, and fifty deputies and senators.

The new cannon has a calibre of 9 1/2 inches, firing a projectile weighing 350 pounds. The principal merit of the invention is its extreme simplicity of mechanism. Three men can operate it; one to sight and one to attend the breech, while the duties of the third are a secret depending upon the invention.

The shell fired has a muzzle velocity of five hundred metres (1,640 feet), a second and produces a whistling noise heard a mile and a half away.

So powerful is the force of the shot, it is said, that no ship of any navy would be able to withstand it. Although fired 480 times, the gun was apparently undamaged, whereas usually the life of a big cannon is five hundred shots.

A French military expert, discussing the new cannon, estimates that one hundred such cannon would be abundantly practical for the coast of France. The cost of the cannon is said to be \$100,000 including its quota of projectiles.

### BRITAIN IN CENTRAL ASIA

Lord Curzon Demonstrates Far-sighted Power.

A London despatch says: Great Britain's designs in Central Asia are being pushed with vigor and adroitness. The Afghan mission has met with no obstacle at Kabul, and the Amers has selected, with greatest care, the officers who accompany the Sirdar on the visit to the Viceroy to settle the final conditions regarding the frontier. Lord Curzon has testified to his confidence in the British stipulating to accept and observe all terms to which his son agrees.

While progress is reported from Kabul, the British agents in Arabia are laying plans for a great coup. This is nothing less than the acquisition of Sheikh-Said, which in Britain's hands, could be converted easily into a Gibraltar on the route to India. Lord Lansdowne has had the scheme fully presented to him, probably during Lord Curzon's recent visit to London—and is discussing it with the Port.

Duan Pu-yu, uncovering the project of the Russian Emperor, says that London aims to dismember the Ottoman states in Arabia and to bring them into vassalage to a new authority, either Egypt or, more likely, British India.

British enterprise in that part of the world is traceable to the far-sighted Curzon. The Sultan and the Shah are alarmed at the prospects.

### TRIED TO SAVE HIS CASH

Winnipeg Real Estate Owner Burned to Death.

A Winnipeg despatch says: John Currie, an old resident of the city, was cremated in his house, which was destroyed by fire a few minutes after midnight, on Friday, and residents adjoining buildings had narrow escapes from sharing his horrible fate. Probably only the fortunate discovery of the accident, by a passing pedestrian, and the prompt action of neighbors, averted a holocaust of the people. The flames were caused into the other buildings when the brigades arrived. The building was of frame structure, close to Louise Bridge. When the brigade arrived a ghastly sight awaited them. The dead body of the old man lay near the door, where he had fallen when overcome in an effort to escape. The remains were burned to a crisp, and evidently had sacrificed his life in attempting to save a cash-box, which was found under his head.

Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman advocates Government works for the relief of the unemployed in London.

## THE WORLD'S MARKETS

### REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Wheat—No. 2 white and red winter quoted at 97c to 98c outside; No. 2 goose quoted at 84 to 85c; No. 2 Spring at 93c; Manitoba wheat unchanged; No. 1 Northern quoted at \$1.04; No. 2 Northern, 99c and No. 3 Northern at 93c, Georgian Bay ports. Grinding in transit prices are 6c above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white is quoted at 32c to 32 1/2c low freight, and at 31 1/2c north and west; No. 1 white is steady at 32 1/2c to 33c west.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 45c middle freight, No. 3 extra, 43c; and No. 3 at 41c middle freight.

Peas—The market is steady, with dealers quoting 67 to 68c at outside points.

Flour—The market is quiet, with new Canadian quoted at 42 to 43c west, guaranteed stout. New American yellow, 52c on track, Toronto and new mixed at 51 1/2c, Toronto.

Wheat—The market is unchanged at 75c at outside points.

Buckwheat—The market is quiet and steady, with No. 2 quoted at 51c high freight, and at 52c low freight.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.40 in buyers' sacks, east or west. Straight roller of special brand for domestic trade, in bbls. \$4.75 to \$5.00. Manitoba flour unchanged. No. 1 patents, \$5.40 to \$5.50; No. 2 patents, \$3.20 to \$5.30, and strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5.10 on track.

Milled—At outside points bran is quoted at \$14.50, and shorts at \$17.50 to \$18. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$18 and shorts at \$21.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—The market is firm for choice stock at \$1.75 to \$2.25 per barrel; cooking apples, \$1 to \$1.50 per barrel.

Beans—Trade is fair, and prices unchanged, with prime quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40, and hard-picked at \$1.45 to \$1.60.

Granberries—The market is unchanged at \$8 per barrel.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 32 to 35c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet, at 7 1/2 to 8c per lb. Comb honey, \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen.

Hay—The lots of No. 1 timothy are quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 on track here, and No. 2 at \$6.50 to \$7.

Straw—Car lots are quoted at \$6 to \$6.25 on track, Toronto.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 8 to 9c; hens, 5 1/2 to 7c per lb; ducks, 9 to 10c per lb; geese, 8 to 9c per lb; turkeys, dry plucked, 12 to 13c; do, scalded, 20 to 21c per lb.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 18 to 18 1/2c; ordinary to choice large rolls, 16 to 18c; low to medium grades, 14 to 15c; creamery prints, 22 to 23c; solids, 20 to 21c.

Eggs—The receipts are moderate, and prices are steady. Case lots of fresh are selling at 22 to 23c per dozen, and limited at 20c.

Cheese—The market is firmer, with large cheese quoted at 10 1/2c, and twins at 11 1/2c per lb.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with offerings moderate. Car lots are quoted at \$6 to \$6.25. Bacon, long clear, 8 to 8 1/2c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$14 to \$14.50; do, short cut, \$17.50 to \$18.

Smoked meats—Hams, light to medium, 12 to 12 1/2c; do, heavy, 11 1/2 to 12c; rolls, 9 to 9 1/2c; shoulders, 8 1/2 to 9c; backs, 14 to 14 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c.

Lard—Tierces, 7 1/2c; tubs, 8c; pails, 8 1/2c.

### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Grain—Oats, 40 to 40 1/2c for No. 3 in store here; No. 3, 39c to 39 1/2c; corn, new American yellow, 54 to 55c, guaranteed to arrive sound; 60c in store for No. 3 mixed; buckwheat, 54 to 55c.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$5.80, and strong bakers', \$5.50; high Ontario blended patents, \$5.75 to \$5.80, and 90 per cent. patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60 in wood, and 25c per bushel in case lots. Flour, 25c per bushel. Rolled oats—\$2.12 to \$2.13 per bag, and \$4.50 to \$4.85 in bbls. Feed—Ontario bran, in bulk at \$17 to \$17.50; shorts, \$19 to \$20; Manitoba bran, in bags, \$17 to \$18; shorts at \$21.

Beans—Choice primes, \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel, \$1.05 to \$1.37 in car lots. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$16.50 to \$17.50; light short cut, \$16.50 to \$17.50; American clear fat backs, \$20; compound lard, 6 1/2 to 7c; Canadian lard, 6 1/2 to 7c; hams, 12 to 13c; bacon, 12 to 13c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7.50 to \$7.75; heavy fat hogs, \$4.75 to \$5; mixed lots, \$5 to \$5.15; cels, \$5.25 to \$5.35, off cars. Cheese—Ontario Fall white, 10 1/2 to 10 1/2c; colored, 10 1/2 to 10 1/2c; Quebec, 9 1/2 to 10c. Butter—Finest grades, 20 to 21 1/2c; ordinary finest, at 20c; 20 1/2c medium grades, 18 1/2 to 19c; and Western dairy at 15 1/2 to 16c.

Eggs—Select new laid, 23 to 24c, and straight gathered, candled, 20 to 21c; No. 2, 15 1/2 to 16c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 27.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Business light; Spring, No. 1 Northern, \$1.18; Winter, No. 2 red, \$1.20. Corn—Farm, No. 3 yellow, 49 1/2c; No. 3 corn, 44c. Oats—Farm, No. 2 white, 35c; No. 2 mixed, 33c. Barley—Western in store, 45 to 55c.

36 to 50c. Corn—No. 3, 43 to 43 1/2c; May, 45 to 45 1/2c asked. Duluth, Dec. 27.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.10; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04; December, \$1.10; May, \$1.13.

### LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The demand for choicest classes was well maintained, but medium holders and steers and cows were not in active enquiry. Hogs were weak and unchanged, while lambs were 5 points higher.

The following were the range of prices: Exporters' cattle were quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.90 per cwt.

The following were quotations given for butchers' cattle—Select butchers', \$4.85 to \$4.50; good butchers', loads of \$3.70 to \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$3.70; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.12; common to rough, \$1.25 to \$2.

The following was the range of prices prevailing in stockers and feeders—Feeders, short-keeps, 1,200 to 1,275 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.60; stockers, 600 to 800 lbs. \$2.25 to \$2.75; stockers, 400 to 600 lbs., \$1.40 to \$2; bulls, 900 to 1,200 lbs., \$1.75 to \$3.

The prices of sheep and lambs were as follows: Export ewes, \$4 to \$4.25; export bucks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; cull sheep, \$2 to \$3 each; lambs, \$5.25 to \$5.90 per cwt.

Calves sold at 3 to 5 1/2c per lb. and \$2 to \$10 each.

Hogs were unchanged at \$4.75 for select, 160 to 200 lbs. in sight, of prime bacon quality, off cars, T. of prime bacon quality off cars, Toronto, \$4.50 for fat and lights.

## SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS

Pennsylvania and Ohio Mills Without Water.

A Pittsburg despatch says: It is feared that within the next ten days almost every industry in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio will have to close down. The drought is the worst in the history of this part of the country. The weather bureau cannot see any relief in sight. There is only half a foot of snow on the level. If this melted it would only be equal to six-tenths of an inch of rain and it will take at least one inch of rain besides to be of any benefit.

The Edgar Thompson Steel Plant has ordered a large part of the plant to be closed down. The furnaces have no coke, and the boilers are all corroded with the sulphur from the coal mines.

In the country districts, especially in the mountains nothing but melted snow can be had for watering stock or for house use. Firemen have hung up their hose in scores of towns. Mines have closed after using sulphur water until corrosion had eaten boilers and pipes to a shell. This is working a hardship as fuel cannot be had. The south is suffering for coal, and not a mine along the Monongahela River is in operation. Streams that have never been dry within memory of man, have not been covered with water for a month, and pools are frozen solid.

Workers at the National Tube Works, the Duquesne and Homestead Mills say conditions at those places cannot be explained. Most of the furnaces are expected hourly. The furnaces of the Shanango and Mahoning Valleys have only two more weeks coke on hand. Even if the Connelville region can supply the coke, the railroads cannot haul it, and this at a time when the boom in iron and steel is at its best.

The Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads are suffering from the drought. Most of the engines being used by the Pennsylvania between here and Harrisburg have been disabled by the eating away of the boilers which has been caused by the poor water used. The troughs lying between the tracks which held water that the engines scooped up in passing, are dried up and the engines must be supplied from other reservoirs of water at the disposal of the company.

The National Steel Foundry Company of New Haven, Conn., has just received an order to furnish all the steel castings to be used in the London underground railway.

President W. H. Newman of the West Shore Railroad has been authorized to make the necessary contracts for the preliminary work of introducing electric motive power on that railroad.

United States Secretary of State Hay transmitted to the House a report on the best means of combating and treating tuberculosis and of averting its propagation in penal institutions of every kind. Dr. Ransom recommends governmental supervision of penal institutions, sanitary and airy buildings and a revision of punishment and exercise rules.

### GENERAL.

A storm on the northern coast of Portugal caused great loss of life. Governor Lanham of Texas issued 27 pardons as Christmas presents to convicts in the State prisons, including several murderers.

### CZAR IGNORES DEMANDS.

Agitation for Constitution and Assembly is Useless.

A St. Petersburg despatch says: Emperor Nicholas formally notified the country on Thursday that the agitation for a constitution and the convocation of a national assembly is useless. Such is the construction placed upon the endorsement written in his own hand on the resolutions telegraphed by the Chernigov Zemstvo, Dec. 20, begging his Majesty to present a programme of reforms for his consideration. His Majesty's word on the despatch: "I consider the action of the President to be presumptuous and tactless. Questions of State administration are of no concern to the Zemstvos, whose functions and rights are clearly defined by the law."

The endorsement is printed in the Official Messenger on Thursday morning, dashing the hopes of the extremists.

### THE PROFITS OF WAR.

Krupps Make a Tremendous Sum on Their Year's Work.

A Berlin despatch says: The first balance sheet of the firm of Friedrich Krupp, Limited, just issued, shows a gross profit on the year's working of just five million dollars. Rather more than half of this sum goes to depreciation account, workmen's pension, and other funds, and the reserve fund, leaving \$2,200,000 to pay a dividend of six per cent. on the capital. The capital amounts to \$40,000,000 in 100,000 shares, 159,996 of which belong to Fraulien Bertha Krupp and four to as many high officials of the company.

Private telegrams from Essex state that the section for the manufacture of naval material is working at high pressure, large orders having been received by Krupp both from Russia and Japan for armor plates and gun barrels.

### RABIES DUE TO FEAR.

Chicago Man Died of the Disease He Feared.

A Chicago despatch says: Fred Johnson, 32 years old, is dead of hydrophobia, although he declared he never had been bitten by a mad dog. He became ill last Sunday and some time before his death confessed his wife and two small children. Then he was fastened to save the family from injury during his attacks of frenzy. Johnson owned a pet dog which last July was bitten by a rabid dog, and the man constantly worried over the matter. Finally a policeman killed the pet. A physician diagnosed Johnson's case and declared the man contracted rabies because he constantly was fearing hydrophobia.

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

### HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

### CANADA.

The dismantling of the fortifications at Esquimaux is in progress. London City Council placed itself on record in favor of giving women the municipal franchise.

Mr. C. E. Horning of London has been appointed city passenger agent of the G. T. R. at Toronto. Inspection of immigrants will probably be made more stringent as a result of a report by Dr. P. H. Bryce.

John W. Ward, C.P.R. agent at Hargrave, Man., was sent for trial on a charge of burning the station recently.

The Dominion Commercial travelers' Association will ask the Government to set Thanksgiving Day on Monday instead of Thursday.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture McKellar, of Manitoba, has been exonerated of the charges of embezzlement made against him by Melvin Bartlett.

There was a decrease of 20 per cent. in German-Canadian trade last year. A decrease of \$3,500,000 on German sugar was caused by the removal of German bounties.

There is a net increase of 3,893 in the immigrant arrivals in Canada for the five months ending November 30, as compared with the same period of 1903. The arrivals from the United States were 16,610, and from Europe through ocean ports 34,318. For the same period of last year the immigrant arrivals from the United States were 17,871 and from Europe through ocean ports 28,615.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Sir Percy Girouard has been appointed to the chief engineering command of the northeastern district of England.

The honor of Knighthood has been conferred upon J. W. Swan, the English inventor, and Chief Justice Worwood of Newfoundland.

The Times predicts that the Paris Commission will find that the Baltic fleet attacked on North Sea trawlers was a blunder not altogether inexcusable.

At Birmingham, England, Sir Oliver Lodge is making experiments with a model electrical apparatus for the dispersal of fog. "The fog eater," as it is called, although successful, is regarded as too expensive for application on a large scale.

### UNITED STATES.

Seven miners were smothered at Garfield, Pa.

The National Steel Foundry Company of New Haven, Conn., has just received an order to furnish all the steel castings to be used in the London underground railway.

President W. H. Newman of the West Shore Railroad has been authorized to make the necessary contracts for the preliminary work of introducing electric motive power on that railroad.

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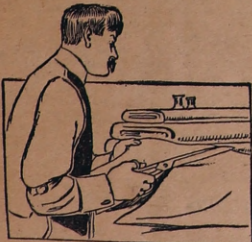
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### THE PANTHEON.

It Has Withstood Vicissitudes of Over Twenty Centuries.

The Pantheon is the most interesting of all the interesting places of Rome. It was used for its present purpose as a place of religious worship before the foundations of the Coliseum were laid. Its huge doors have opened to admit the great ones of the earth, from Augustus Caesar to Napoleon, an assertion that will scarcely be disputed. It stands in the very heart of old Rome, and the vicissitudes which have befallen the Eternal City during the 2,000 years of its existence have left it practically unchanged. The gilded bronze that lined its roof has been carried off to "decorate" St. Peter's, where, in the form of clouds and Cupids, and curtains, it fills the beholder with displeased amusement.

Its tiles of bronze and gold were removed to Constantinople 1,500 years ago, and the statues which adorned it have long since perished. But the mighty walls yet stand, firm as ever, sweeping up to the majestic dome, the largest, though not the highest, in the world.

One hundred feet across, a hundred feet high and perfectly circular, no architect could design a building more perfect in its proportions, more harmonious as a whole. It is lighted solely by an aperture in the dome, a circle thirty feet across. Standing on its marble floor one looks up to the greatest dome man ever raised and through that to the blue dome which bends above it, sending summer sun or winter rain through those bare yards of space.

The effect is so impressive, so entirely unmatched and unrivaled, that the dullness of hearts and most untaught of minds must perforce acknowledge its influence. A man may think St. Peter's "disappointing," may condemn the Coliseum as barbaric or decide that he does not care for the catacombs, but every man who has viewed it has been impressed, even to the pitch of respectful silence, by the Pantheon.

The huge leaves of the bronze door revolve on their mighty hinges as they have done since the days of the Caesars, and so perfectly balanced are they that a woman's wrist can undoc them. Through these doors they carried Julia, Caesar's daughter, with all the pomp of her imperial power about her. And after the lapse of twenty centuries King Humbert was brought across the selfsame threshold to sleep his last sleep in the ancient place.

#### The Archbishop's Suggestion.

The late Archbishop Corrigan was one of the gentlest of men, but when it was necessary to reprove any one under his charge, whether priest or layman, he never hesitated to do so. At one time there was a vacancy in the rectorship of one of the large churches in New York city, and several clergymen were talked about for the position. Two prominent women who were members of the church called upon the archbishop and urged the selection of one of their clerical friends. As they were leaving one woman turned to the other and said impressively:

"When you get home pray that the Holy Ghost may give the archbishop the grace to appoint the right man."

Like a flash the archbishop turned around and said in icy tones:

"While you are at it ask the Holy Ghost to give women the grace to attend to their own business."

#### Love.

Lord Byron, brilliant, beautiful and unscrupulous as his own Don Juan, left behind him the maxim that there was but one real form of happiness in love—where a man and woman so adored each other that they could conceive of no happiness out of each other's sight, and this for their whole lives. Grant that this is to demand a great deal, yet it is true that all the influences of long life combine to identify two who dwell together. Their very faces often grow more alike, and how frequently the death of one is followed speedily, without sufficient visible reason, by that of the other also!

#### An Accurate Marksman.

Accuracy is one of the best business accomplishments. However, it is seldom drawn to a finer point than in the following story, taken from the Chicago Journal:

During the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882 Lord Charles Beresford asked a gunner if he could hit a man who was on the fort. The gunner replied:

"Aye, aye, sir!"

"Then hit him in the eye," said Lord Beresford. He was surprised when the gunner inquired:

"Which eye, sir?"

#### A Process Reversed.

"You regard campaign calculations as a distinct branch of mathematics?" "Yes," answered the erudite personage. "The method differs from all others. You start with the answer and then work backward and evolve a problem to demonstrate it."

#### Not Too Timid.

An officer in the army laughed at a timid woman because she was alarmed at the noise of a cannon when a salute was fired. He subsequently married that timid woman, and six months afterwards he took off his boots in the bath when he came in late at night.

#### Accustomed to It.

Ada—And weren't you a bit nervous when he proposed? Clara—Oh, no! A proposal doesn't make me nervous any more.

Much bending breaks the bow; much unbending, the mind.

### Sharpe—Mills.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. Wm. E. Mills, of Hawdon, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31st, when their eldest daughter, Miss Clara B., and Mr. Charles W. Sharpe, of Seymour, joined hearts and hands for life. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Balfour, of Stirling, in the presence of about fifty invited guests. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily gowned in cream cashmere, trimmed with pleated chiffon and applique, and wore bridal veil and flowers. Her bridesmaid, Miss Alma Sharpe, sister of the groom, looked very dainty in white silk waist and pearl grey skirt. Mr. Harry Heath, cousin of the bride, acted as groomsmen, and Miss Laella, sister of the bride, presided at the piano. After the congratulations all repaired to the dining-room, which was decorated for the occasion where ample justice was done to the good things provided. The bride was the recipient of a number of handsome and useful presents. Her going away suit was of myrtle green cloth, with an all white hat. On their return they will reside at Hoard's Station.

#### Address and Presentation.

A very pleasant event took place on the evening of Dec. 19th, when about forty-five of the young people of Tuftsville invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark for the purpose of saying good-bye to their teacher, Miss Tillie Rodgers, who is leaving their midst, and showing her some mark of appreciation of her services. The fore part of the evening was spent in games, and immediately after lunch Miss Rodgers was presented with the following address, read by Miss Carrie Juby:

DEAR TEACHER.—We, a few of your friends and scholars, have gathered here to spend a social evening with you on the eve of your departure from this community. We are sorry to hear that you are leaving us, but hope you will like your new school and section as well, if not better, than you did here.

We could not allow you to leave us without showing you some mark of appreciation of your services as teacher of our school, so please accept this cake basket and flower vase. We hope that we may all have the pleasure of meeting again as we have this evening, and if we are never permitted to meet again on earth, may we meet in that better land where parting shall be no more.

Signed on behalf of the scholars,  
ROY WELSHOURNE,  
ERNE JUBY.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark also presented her with a beautiful album.

Miss Rodgers was very much taken by surprise, but with a few well-chosen words she thanked her friends. The company dispersed to their several homes about half-past eleven, after singing "God be with you till we meet again," well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

#### A Mussy Cook.

I c'd make a chocolate cake 'n' a king might eat off o' my cuffs 'n' collar when I was through, but what surprised me about your chocolate cake, Mrs. Lathrop, was 't you didn't get into the oven with it in the end, for I'll take my Bible oath 's you had 's much on you 's on any pan.—"Sussex Clegg and Her Friend, Mrs. Lathrop," by Anne Warner.

#### A Beautiful Match.

"How lucky," said Mrs. Nured, "that I happened to pass that cigar sale this morning! These cigars are exactly the shade of George's new smoking jacket, and the smart little green bands round them will go with the lining beautifully. Men never consider these little things."

#### Not to Be Blamed.

"Why, Harry, how much you look like your father!" remarked a visitor to a four-year-old.

"Yes'm," answered Harry, with an air of resignation. "That's what everybody says, but I can't help it."

#### Friends.

Neil—Mr. Kammerer is so kind. He said I took a very pretty and very artistic picture. Bell—Indeed? And whose picture did you take, dear?

#### Where It Hit.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 23, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of Samuel Dandon, late of the Township of Sidney in the County of Hastings, farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 11th day of April, A.D. 1904, to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise to deliver to Margaret Dandon, Stirling P.O., Ont., executrix of the estate of the late Samuel Dandon, the particulars of their claims, and the names and addresses of their claimants, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after the date above mentioned, that said Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims, notice of which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said executrix on or before the said 7th day of January, 1904.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,  
Solicitor for Executrix.

Dated the 12th day of December, 1904.

### Notice To Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of JULIUS BENNETT, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Shoemaker, deceased.

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All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said Administrator, on or before the said 7th day of January, 1905.

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